

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: BARROSA

Lease number: PC 122

Fish & Game report

As part of the process of tenure review Fish & Game councils may provide advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease, and the information may be incorporated in the conservation resources report. The advice is part of the information gathered and assessed for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.

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Fax To: Roger Lough

From: Frank Scarf

TENURE REVIEW – BARROSA STATION

Your fax message of 28 June 2000 is acknowledged. In reply I advise as follows:

1. Angler interest in relation to this property is limited to:
 - a) the South Ashburton River which contains both brown and rainbow trout
 - b) Lake Emily where there is an established population of the comparatively rare fontinalis trout
 - c) Maori Lakes which contain brown trout
2. Prime trout habitat areas include
 - a) the South Ashburton downstream from Blowing Point Bridge
 - b) the lakes
3. Trout spawning occurs in Maori Lakes Outlet Stream, Gentlemen Smith Stream, Jacobs Stream and in the Stour River. All these streams are in excess of 3 m wide and therefore should qualify for marginal strip provisions. While ideally we would seek that the streams are fenced to exclude stock, we acknowledge this is impractical given the nature and circumstance surrounding high country property.
4. It is pleasing to note the intent of the land owner to release a Reserve area around Maori Lakes. The area is a prime high country wetland with populations of various gamebird species and more importantly some rare and endangered species such as Crested Grebe.
5. Also supported is the setting aside of conservation land along the margins with Lake Emily. This lake is favoured with both anglers and hunters and provides a wilderness setting treasured by these recreational users.
6. Anglers routinely fish the South Ashburton accessing the river from the Stour River, the Mt Possession Access Road or the Blowing Point Bridge. The channel is comparatively steep resulting in high flow velocities. However there are a few pools with good cover and these are targeted by anglers.
7. Fish and Game seeks continued access each year to enable spawning assessments within the streams identified in 3) above to be carried out.

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8. Subject to these comments we support your proposed drafting instructions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Frank Scarf', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Frank Scarf
Fish and Game Officer

P.S. Can you please update me as to the tenure review properties you have currently under consideration and whether you are awaiting a report from Fish and Game.