

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: BEN LEDI

Lease number: PO 199

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.

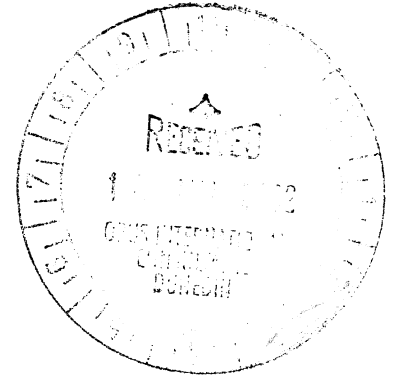
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Dear Dave

TENURE REVIEW - BEN LEDI

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game's interest in relation to Ben Ledi.

1. The North and South Branch of the Maerewhenua River contain healthy populations of brown and rainbow trout. Native fish such as bullies, galaxids and eels have also been observed. The quality of the water is very good and it supports an abundance of aquatic invertebrates. The fishery appeals to the more active wilderness angler and is noted for its scenic and solitude values.
2. Our main interest on the North Branch is to ensure that continued access for anglers from the Danseys Pass Road bridge upstream to map reference I41:097798 is retained. At this map reference there is a waterfall which prevents the upstream passage of trout and there is little fishery value upstream of the waterfall.
3. To ensure continued access to the North Branch we would like, if present, marginal strips retained along the section of this river. If currently they are not present then we request that they be established.
4. Our main interest on the South Branch is to ensure that access is available for anglers. We request that marginal strips are laid off alongside the South Branch.
5. We also request access for anglers to the South Branch along Guthries Road to the Ben Ledi homestead and then along the track to where it first meets the South Branch at map reference I41 097-745.

Yours faithfully

Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer

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