

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: CABERFEIDH

Lease number: PT 134

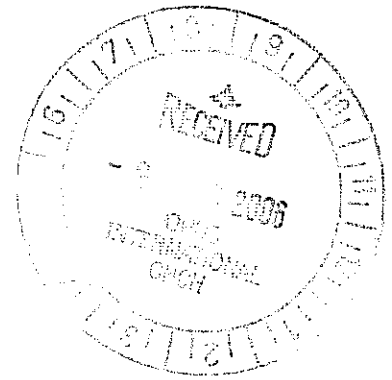
Fish & Game Report

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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FISH AND GAME RESOURCE REPORT FOR CABERFEIDH

The Caberfeidh property is located in the Hakataramea Valley, on the south-eastern slopes of the Kirkliston Range, South Canterbury and encompasses an area of 2084 hectares.

ACCESS ISSUES

Currently, lessee permission is required to gain access to the Recreation Reserve area administered by The Department of Conservation. It is important to Fish and Game that this situation is addressed through the process and that adequate legal access is secured. There are no marked public roads onto the Conservation land however there was a sign-posted walking route onto the land but the signage has fallen into disrepair.

HUNTING VALUES

The area on the true right of the Hakataramea Valley is well suited for populations of upland gamebirds and Californian Quail inhabit suitable areas on the lower slopes, mainly the scrub filled valleys.

Habitat extends to and in places overlaps, the habitat of chukor, found on the upper slopes and tops at altitudes of up to 2000 metres. Chukor are presently less numerous compared with the drier slopes on the opposite side (true left) of the Hakataramea Valley. In recent times, since the introduction of the rabbit control virus RCD, upland gamebird populations which have been suppressed by the spread of 1080 poison baits have

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responded well. Where rabbit numbers are still controlled by the virus landowners and hunters report increased populations of both species.

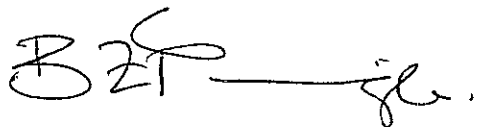
There has been a significant increase in hunter activity due to the downturn in aerial poison drops and the response in quail and chukor numbers. While the eastern facing slopes of Caberfeidh are well vegetated, it is the dry and sparsely vegetated high altitude slopes which chukor prefer.

FISHERY RESOURCES

Caberfeidh encompasses the catchments of several small streams which support populations of mainly Brown trout in their lower reaches. There is information which suggests that the upper reaches of some of these waters support populations of small Brook Char. Electro fishing operations in the mid reaches produced both Brown and Rainbow trout. The streams which originate from the Kirkliston Range are important contributory flows to the important Hakataramea River and fishery, which suffers extreme low flows during summer and autumn.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B Z Pringle', followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

B Z Pringle
Resource Officer