

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: CASTLE DENT**

**Lease number: PO 196**

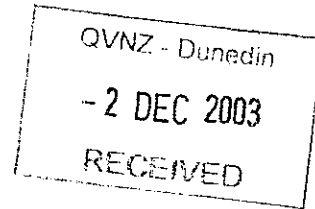
### **Fish & Game Report**

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 Resources Report for the Castle Dent Pastoral Lease.**

Prepared by the  
Otago Fish and Game Council

### **Section One – Introduction**

#### *1.1 Purpose*

The purpose of this report is to advise the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the sports fish and game bird values present on the land included in the Castle Dent Crown pastoral lease. The lease is being considered for land tenure review and disposal under the provisions of the Crown Pastoral Land Act. As well as habitat values the report covers angling, and hunting values and associated access issues.

Information for this report has been researched and prepared by Otago Fish and Game Council staff.

#### *1.2 Location*

The Castle Dent lease property is in two distinct parcels of land. Both parcels of land are to the east of Beaumont Creek, with the southern parcel bordered in the east by Glendhu Forest, and the northern parcel by Te Papanui Conservation Area.

### **Section Two - General Resources Information**

#### *2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values*

With the exception of the headwaters of the Waipori River, the waterways in this lease land are small, and often flow down a steep gradient, thereby limiting the value as fishery habitat. The headwaters of the Waipori River contain some reasonable fish habitat but this may be limited in value by cold winter water temperatures. The Trustpower Ltd. water race contains a small population of small fish.

#### *2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values*

None identified.

#### *2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values*

A small population of Paradise Shelducks (*Tadorna variegata*) can be found at certain times of year, and may breed on the property.

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*2.4 Gamebird Recreational Values*

None identified.

*2.5 Access Information*

There are legal roads through this property that benefit those wishing to travel through to the Waipori River, Lake Mahinerangi and/or Te Papanui Conservation Area. Fish & Game understand that some of the formed roads may not lie on the legal alignment.

**Section Three - Fish and Game Perspective**

*3.1 Fisheries Habitat Views*

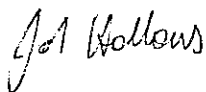
The Waipori River should be given some form of marginal strip or conservation covenant protection to ensure that future water quality in the lower river or Lake Mahinerangi is not impacted upon.

*3.2 Access Views*

The current road network should be deemed as legal where it does not follow the surveyed road to ensure access into the Waipori catchment in unhindered.

Dated: Wednesday, 26 November 203

Signed



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**Resource Officer**