

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: CLOUDY RANGE

Lease number: PM 015

Due Diligence Report (including Status Report)

This report and attachments results from a pre-Tenure Review assessment of the pastoral lease for the purpose of confirming land available for Tenure Review and any issues, rights or obligations attaching to it. The information is gathered from files and other sources available to the LINZ contractor.

Part of the information relates to research on the status of the land, resulting in a Status Report that is signed off by a LINZ approving officer. The remainder of the information is not analysed for relevancy or possible action until required, and LINZ does not guarantee its accuracy or completeness as presented.

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DUE DILIGENCE REPORT

CPL PRE TENURE REVIEW ASSESSMENT STANDARD 6:

File Ref:

Pm015

Report No:

AT2029

Report Date:

28 June 2002

LINZ Ref:

12791

Office of Agent:

Alexandra

LINZ Case No:

Date sent to LINZ:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the Commissioner of Crown Lands or his delegate **note** the contents of this Due Diligence which has been prepared in accordance with the Pre Tenure Review Assessment Standard.
- (2) That the Commissioner of Crown Lands or his delegate **note** that there are no incomplete action which may require action by the Manager of Crown Property Contracts.

Signed by DTZ New Zealand Limited:

H M Taylor:

Approved/Declined (pursuant to a delegation from the Commissioner of Crown Lands) by:

Name:

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Date of decision: 3/7/0~

(1) Details of lease:

Lease name:

Cloudy Range

Location:

The property is located on the Inland Kaikoura Road (State Highway 70), 45 kms west of Kaikoura, and 42 kms northeast of Waiau.

The Clarence River flows along the north-western and western boundary while the Conway River flows along the eastern boundary. Also draining the property are the Winterburn Stream, the Manson River, Pleasant Creek Tinline Creek and Robson Stream.

The property rises from 365 metres to 1740 metres, which includes 140 ha flat and the balance steep to very steep.

The Amuri Range runs through the western side of the property with Cloudy Range being found towards the northern end of the property.

Lessee:

Cloudy Range Holdings Limited.

Tony and Sue Clarke, 50%

• Daryl and Barbara Thompson, 25%

• Tim Rivers, 25%

Tenure:

Pastoral lease under the Land Act 1948 and Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998, Pastoral Lease No 15.

Term:

33 years from 1 July 1991. Expiry 30 June 2024.

Annual Rent:

\$8,550

Rental Value:

\$380,000

Date of Next Review:

30 June 2013

Land Registry Folio Ref:

MB 46/192

Legal Description:

Run 208, Blocks X, XV, XVI, XVIII, XX, XXI and XII

Acheron Survey District.

Area:

9315.8635 hectares

(2) File Search:

Files held by LINZ:

File Reference	Volume	First Folio	Date	Last Folio	Date
Pm15	1	358	8/10/1956	509	23/5/1977
Pm15	2	1	5/7/1977	103	8/10/1980
Pm15	3	1	10/10/1980	134	22/2/1983

Other files held by DTZ on behalf of LINZ:

File Reference	Volume	First Folio	Date	Last Folio	Date
Pm15	4	1	25/7/1983	Unnumbered	26/5/1998
Pm15	5	Unnumbered	12/8/1998	Unnumbered	6/10/1999
Pm15	6	Unnumbered	7/10/1999	Unnumbered	1/3/2000
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The file search has covered volumes covering 1956 to 2002. While a few folios are missing from the record, the vast majority are present and have been researched. The first folio entry is 8 October 1956 (Volume 1 Cloudy Range Pm15).

Volume 1 records that in 1956, Robert le Clerc Latter, held a 2/3 share in the property (at this stage Pastoral Run Licence 287) and Philip McLeod 1/3 share.

Term was 35 years (21 years plus an extension of 14 years from 1 March 1923), expiry 28 February 1958.

The stock limit was 4450 sheep (plus 10%). A pastoral lease was recommenced and accepted by Mr McLeod (who was also the manager). Commencement dated 1 July 1958.

The property was transferred from Latter to McLeod in 1958, who transferred 1/3 share to H H Scott. 1959 saw a boundary change and reduction in area (230 acres) due to a correction to the plot of the Land District Boundary (Volume 1, folio 401, 402, SO 4297).

1963 saw a Run Plan suggested, however this was not actioned.

1964 the northwest faces in the Clarence Valley are recorded as being depleted.

In 1964 P McLeod died, and the lease was transferred to his widow (Mrs H I McLeod). The lease was transferred to R P Jopp Sons Trust in 1969.

Bruce Jopp (the manager in 1969) proposed the retirement of the Clarence Faces, primarily because the low return from the wethers grazed there, and the high cost of mustering.

The property was transferred to Murray Rivers in 1977. Marginal Lands Finance was used for purchase.

1977 saw major development using Marginal Lands Finance, as little development had previously been done. Subdivision fencing and OSTD (1000 acres).

By 1977 the Clarence Faces had not been grazed for 8 years, and had recovered from their depleted state. Grazing with 1000 wethers was recommended.

A boundary issue arose in 1978, on the northern boundary between POL 029 Clarence Reserve and P15 Cloudy Range. POL 029 consisted of the retired land on Clarence Reserve, and the boundary between the two properties was regarded as impractical to fence.

Mr Rivers proposed a new boundary, along the skyline east of the Winterburn Stream through Mount Ross. The lessee of Clarence Reserve did not agree to the boundary change (800 ha to go from Clarence Reserve to Cloudy Range). However Cloudy Range stock continued to graze this area, although there were continuing complaints from Clarence Reserve re stock trespassing. This grazing was included in the stock limit for Cloudy Range in 1978.

Rapid development (1978 – 1981) continued using Marginal Lands Finance, aerial oversowing, topdressing, clearing, burning and spraying, cattle yards, tracking and fencing were completed.

An extension to the house was undertaken in 1979, using a Rural Housing Loan.

By 1980 the personal stock limit was 6600 sheep and 200 cattle.

The routine property report records that the lessee was successfully improving this property. 1981 saw another Marginal Lands Loan for a woolshed, and 19.5 kms of fencing.

1982 saw the unfenced boundary with Clarence Reserve resurface in correspondence and once again it was unresolved.

Sixteen kilometres of electric fencing was installed in 1984.

The boundary issues were in focus again in 1987, as Clarence Reserve now wanted to utilise "the retired" area which Cloudy Range had traditionally grazed.

Clarence Reserve wanted to fence on the legal boundary to resolve the issues.

The core of the problem appeared to be the temporary right to graze given to Cloudy Range in 1978.

By 1994 Clarence Reserve POL was transferred from Clarence Reserve Limited to Department of Conservation.

A special lease area in the Clarence Reserve was proposed by the Cloudy Range lessee (Mr Rivers) in 1994.

The lease was renewed in 1991:

Rental value

\$232,000

Rental:

\$3,480

Commencement

1 July 1991

Expiry:

30 June 2023.

Major new road and accommodation facilities beside the Clarence River were proposed in 1996.

A recreation permit was issued in 1994 (term 5 years) to Mrs Mary Lindsay Rivers.

1997 saw a number of unsuccessful attempts to transfer the property to off farm investors, with Mr Rivers to remain as manager.

Eventually in 1999, the property was transferred to Cloudy Range Holdings, with Tim Rivers (the lessee's son) as manager and a shareholder.

A new major maintenance, upgrading and development programme began 1999.

New tracking for stock access and easier farm management was approved, along with track maintenance.

OSTD, tree planting and burning broom and matagouri were all approved.

Cloudy Range Holdings currently hold the pastoral lease, with Tim Rivers as manager.

(3) Summary of lease document:

Terms of lease:

The commencement date of the pastoral lease on Crown files is in agreement with the licence document. The lease was issued on 1 July 1958, and renewed on 1 July 1991, for a term of 33 years (under the Pastoral Land Act 1948).

The ownership is the same as used on Crown files and in the Status Check.

No non-standard conditions are recorded.

Original lease stock limit:

4895 Sheep

88 Cattle

Personal Stock Limit:

7600 Sheep (including not more than 3400 breeding ewes)

350 Cattle (including not more than 100 breeding cows)

Renewals and variations:

155964 Variation of terms renewing the within lease for 33 years, commencing on 1 July 1991 – (17 July 1991).

204816.4 Variation of the within lease – (25 May 1999). This variation requires the consent of the Crown to the transfer of company shares.

Area adjustments:

Notice amending the area of the within lease to 9315.8635 ha (25 September 1985). This was to register the following, which was not recorded on MB 46/192.

In 1959, the boundary was changed and the area reduced by 230 acres. This was due to a correction to the plot of the Land District Boundary (SO 4297).

Registered Interests:

Mortgages:

204816.6 Mortgage to Bank of New Zealand (25 May 1999).

Unregistered Interests:

Conway Spur VHF repeater site - decommissioned as a Transpower NZ site.

Transpower are to gift the installation to the Run lessee.

Other Interests:

No electricity agreement is registered on the lease.

No mining or prospecting licence or permit is registered.

No Section 417 certificates under the Resource Management Act are registered.

There are no current recreation permits or DoC concessions issued for this lease.

(4) Summarise any Government programmes for the lease:

There were no Government programmes implemented on this property.

(5) Summary of Land Status Report:

Copy attached as Schedule A.

5.1 The Pastoral Lease:

The Land Status Report confirms the Crown land status under the Land Act 1948, subject to pastoral lease registered as MB 46/192.

The area of the lease is confirmed as 9315.8635 ha, which agrees with the lease document.

The Land Status Report records that the lease is not subject to any encumbrances.

This is in agreement with the lease details section of the report to 25 March 2002.

The legal description is confirmed as that being used in the Due Diligence Report.

The Crown retains mineral ownership.

The Land Status Check confirms that no conservation land exists within Cloudy Range lease boundaries. This agrees with the findings of this Due Diligence Report.

No UCL is identified within the lease.

Marginal strips are found along the Clarence River, Winterburn Stream, Conway River, Towy River and Robson Stream (SO 4297).

Legal roads are defined on SO 2270 (1926), and recorded in New Zealand Gazette 1926, Page 3165.

Parts of Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 – Schedule 65, identifies statutory acknowledgement for Tutae Putaputa *(Conway River)* refer SO 7328 Marlborough SO 19906 Canterbury.

The Status Check confirms that there are no recreation permits, DoC concessions or mining interests on the lease.

The Status Check identifies the following matters as possibly requiring investigation:

• Public access and or Department of Conservation issue over a proposed right of way in gross over existing formed track, shown on LT Plan 9470.

• SO plan 4297 has a plan face note, relating to the right lined western boundary "approved as to amended boundary A – B" (see file 1 folio 568 – August 1959).

The intersection of the boundary at the Clarence River was amended due to a plotting correction in respect to the Land District Boundary. Refer MB 46/192 diagram for comparison. The amended boundary is not shown on MB 46/1912.

Conway Spur VHF site – decommissioned. Transpower are to gift the installation to the run lessee.

No other issues arising from the report were noted.

5.2 Other Land:

No other land is covered in the Status Check.

(6) Review of topographical and Cadastral data:

Topographical Map:

The topographical map shows the Clarence River, the Conway River and the Towy River forming part of this lease boundary. The Mason River, Tinline Creek, Pleasant Stream, plus the Winterburn Stream and Robson Stream drain this property.

A TV transmitter (Transpower) is marked on the Conway Spur.

Farm tracks are shown, leading to the transmitter, and also a 25 km length of track, leading from the homestead to the Clarence River at the back of the property.

Yards are shown at the homestead, near Robson Stream and near Cloudy Hut.

Only one hut is marked near the Clarence River (Cloudy Hut).

Two airstrips are shown, one at the homestead and one further north, near the Conway River.

Cloudy Range Road is shown near the homestead area. This is legal road.

A derelict fence is shown running across the northern boundary.

Cadastral Map:

A legal road is shown, Cloudy Range Road.

Marginal strips are shown following the Conway, Clarence and Towy Rivers and the Towy River tributary and the Winterburn and Robson Streams.

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(7) Details of neighbouring Crown or Conservation land:

The northern boundary is adjacent to DoC land, former Clarence Reserve POL.

The eastern boundary is Clarence Reserve (DoC) and Conway Downs (freehold), while the southern boundary is formed by the Towy River with Whalesback (freehold), Mount Lyford Skifield (freehold), a scenic reserve and Teraka (freehold) completing the southern boundary.

To the west and northwest of the property lies Molesworth Station across the Clarence River. The rest of the western boundary and part of the southern boundary is formed by the Hossock Conservation Area.

(8) Summary of uncompleted actions or potential liabilities:

No incomplete actions noted.

The following issues are brought to your attention to note only:

- Conway Spur VHF site, decommissioned. Transpower are to gift the installation to the lessee.
- The traditional grazing of Cloudy Range stock on an adjoining of Clarence Reserve (now administered by DoC) has been an unresolved issue.

A temporary right to graze was given in 1978, however concern re trespassing stock from Cloudy Range has resurfaced over the years. The most recent being in 1999, when the stock limitation for the new lessees on Cloudy Range was set. DoC comment expressed concern re stock trespass from Cloudy Range, and the impact they had on the high inherent values of this area (Attachment 3).

ATTACHMENTS:

Schedule A - Status Check.

Attachment 1 - Recent copy of lease document MB 46/192.

Attachment 2 - Plotting correction – district boundary (SO 4297).

Attachment 3 - Correspondence re stock trespass.

SCHEDULE A:

Status check.

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Appendix A

This report has been prepared on the instruction of Land Information New Zealand in terms of the contract number 50268 dated 31 August 2001 and is undertaken for the purposes of the Crown Pastoral Leases Act 1998.

LAND STATUS REPORT for CLOUDY RANGE		[LIPS ref.12791]			
Property	1	of	1		

	Marlborough
	Run 208 situated Blocks X, XV, XVI, XVIII, XX, XXI & XXII Acheron Survey District.
	9315.8635 hectares (subject to survey)
	Crown Land subject to the Land Act 1948.
	All Computer Interest Register MB46/192 pursuant to section 66 and as registered under section 83 of the Land Act 1948, renewed by document No.155964.
	N/A
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Appendix B

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Certification:

Pursuant to section 11(1)(1) of the Survey Act 1986 and acting under delegated authority of the Surveyor-General pursuant to section 11 (2) of that act, I hereby certify that the land described above is; Crown Land subject to the Land Act 1948.

R. Moullo

Date 22 /4 /2002

Ross Moulton, Chief Surveyor Land Information New Zealand Marlborough Land District

CLOUDY RANGE Property 1 of 1

Notes: This information does not affect the status of the land but was identified as possibly requiring further investigation at the due diligence stage: See Crown Pastoral Standard 6 paragraph 6

Public Access and or Department of Conservation issue over a proposed Right of Way in Gross over existing formed track, shown on LT Plan 94/0.

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Research Data: Some Items may be not applicable

Property 1 of 1	
Cadastral Print Obtained	Yes
NZMS 261 Ref	N31 & O31
Local Authority	Kaikoura District Council & Hurunui District Council
Crown Acquisition Map	Kaikoura Purchase 1859
SO Plan	SO 4297 (1956)
Relevant Gazette Notices	N/A
CT Ref / Lease Ref	All CIR MB46/192 (1958)
Legalisation Cards	N/A
CLR	N/A
Allocation Maps (if applicable)	SOE - SO 17090 (N31 Canty) no overlaps SO 6644 (O31 Marl) no overlaps DoC - SO 17141 (N31 Canty) no overlaps SO 6622 (O31 Marl) no overlaps
Rating Ref - if known	All assessment 20720/8000 Kaikoura 2170/2000 Hurunui
Crown Grant Maps	Acheron No.30 (1880)
If Subject land Marginal Strip:	·
a) Type [Sec 24(9) or Sec 58]	No subject provision for section 58 of the Land Act 1948 on lease MB46/192 although SO Plan 4297 depicts one chain strips along the Clarence River, Winterburn Stream, Conway River and Towy River Reserved under section 58 Land Act 1948 with appellations added in April 1996. Lease renewal in July 1991 is a disposition under section 24(9) of the Conservation Act 1987.
b) Date Created	1956
c) Plan Reference	SO 4297

LAND STATUS REPORT CLOUDY RANGE		[LIPS ref 12791]
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Research - continued

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Property 1 of 1	
If Crown land - Check Irrigation Maps.	N/A
Mining Maps	No interest recorded National Mining Index.
If Road a) Is it created on a Block Plan - Section 43(1)(d) Transit NZ Act 1989	a) .Section 12 Land Act 1924
b) By Proc	b) NZ Gazette 1926 page 3165
c) Plan	c) SO 2270 (1926)
Other Relevant Information a) Concessions - Advice from DOC or DTZ New Zealand Limited.	a) There are no DoC concessions and or no current Recreation Permits.
b) Subject to any provisions of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 or Northern South Island Regional Landbank.	b) Subject to Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. Schedule 65 of the Act identifies Statutory Acknowledgement for Tutae Putaputa (Conway River) refer SO 7328 Marlborough/SO 19906 Canterbury.
c) Mineral Ownership	c) Mines and Minerals are owned by the Crown because the land has never been alienated from the Crown since its acquisition for settlement purposes from the former Maori owners under the Kaikoura Purchase (1859)
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d) Other Info	d) N/A

ATTACHMENT 1:

Recent copy of lease document MB 46/192.

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COMPUTER INTEREST REGISTER UNDER LAND TRANSFER ACT 1952



Historical Search Copy

Identifier

MB46/192

Land Registration District Marlborough

Date Registered

24 March 1958 11:30 am

Prior References

MB46/125

Lease under s83 Land Act 1948

Type Area

9315.8635 hectares more or less

Term

Thirty-three years, commencing on the first day of July 1958 and renewed for 33 years commencing on 1 July 1991

Legal Description Run 208

Original Proprietors

Cloudy Range Holdings Limited

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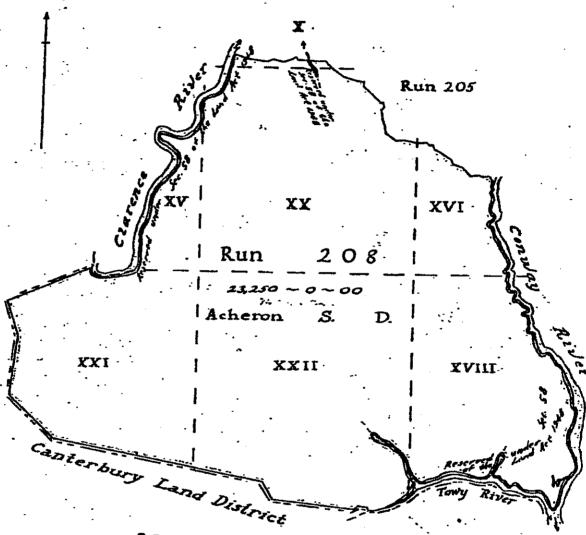
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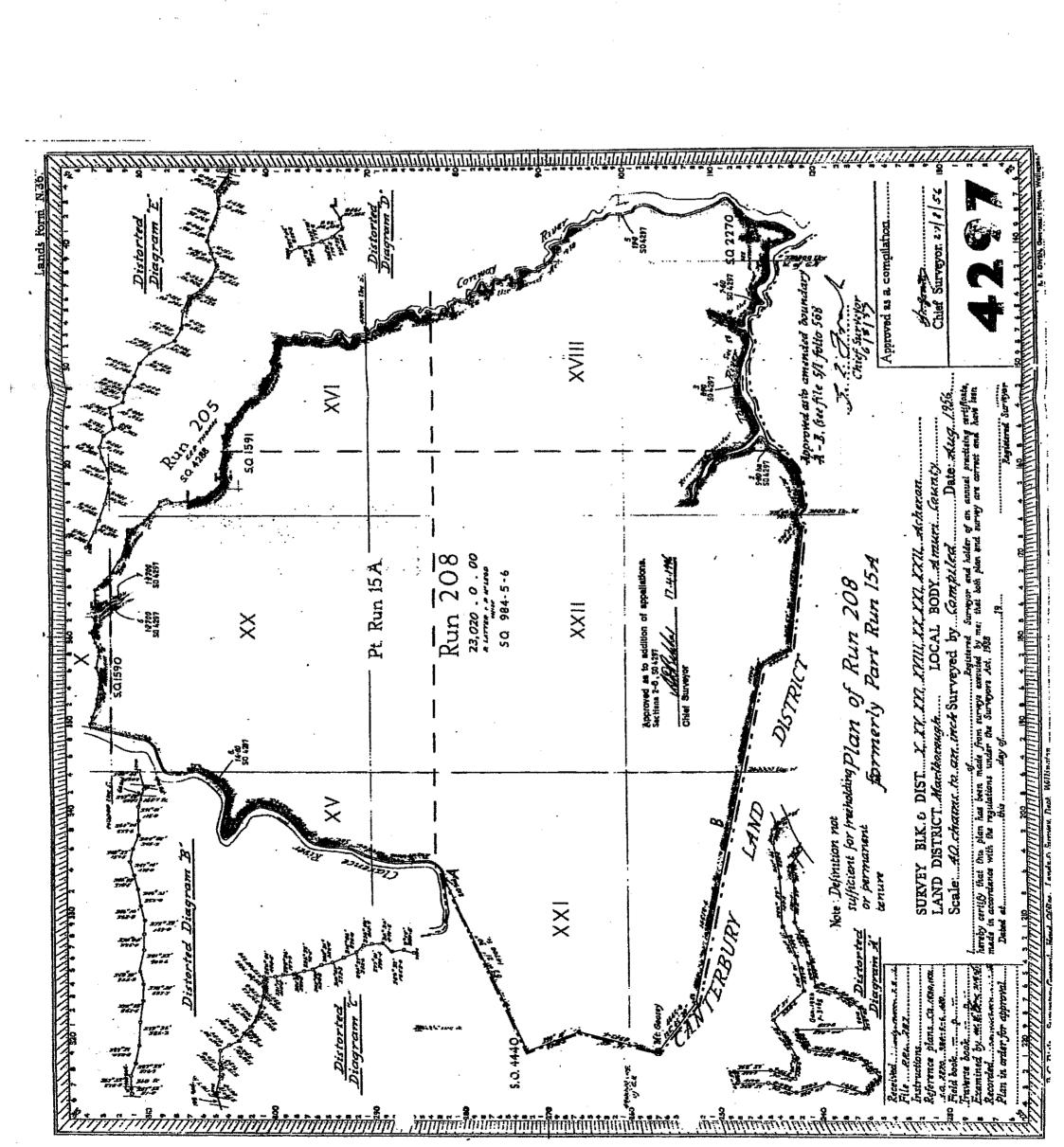
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ATTACHMENT 2:

Plotting correction – district boundary (SO 4297).

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ATTACHMENT 3:

Correspondence re stock trespass.

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Our Ref: Pm 015

24 February 1999

Weston Ward & Lascelles Barristers & Solicitors PO Box 29-115 CHRISTCHURCH

Attention: Greg Brogden





LAND RESOURCES DIVISION

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KE: TRANSFER: PM 015 'CLOUDY RANGE' TO CLOUDY RANGE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Further to your clients application to transfer his interest in pastoral lease Pm 015 'Cloudy Range' to Cloudy Range Holdings Limited I wish to advise that the Commissioner of Crown Lands has approved the transfer subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That a Memorandum of Variation of Lease be registered against the title 46/192 prior to the transfer, limiting the transfer of shares. The purpose of this variation is to require that changes of shareholding must be approved by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- That Tony Clark and Tim Rivers are approved as managers on behalf of Cloudy Range
 Holdings Limited. Any subsequent change in manager requires Commissioner of Crown Lands
 consent.
- 3. That the rental arrears of (including GST) must be fully paid prior to settlement to bring the account up to date to 30 June 1999. Any apportionment of rent paid to 30 June 1999 is the responsibility of the vendor and the purchaser. Responsibility for rent lies with the purchaser from 1 July 1999.
- That evidence is produced to show rates are paid up to date.
- 5. That a copy of the Commissioner of Crown Lands letter and attachments dated 2 October 1998 is provided to the purchasers to ensure they are aware of the changes brought about by the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998.
- 6. That it is noted that this consent applies strictly to land within the Cloudy Range pastoral lease. There are no rights to graze any land outside the boundaries of the property.

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SUBMISSION TO COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS

Application to alter stock limitation, Section 66(3), Land Act 1948 and Section 18, Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998

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KF Ref:

Pm 015

CCL Ref:

Case No:

Property Name:

Cloudy Range

Lessee:

M A Rivers

Location:

Inland Kaikoura Road

Date of Request:

26 January 1999

Nature of Request:

This submission should be read in conjunction with the submission dated /9 February 1999 regarding the application to transfer the Cloudy Range pastoral lease to Cloudy Range Holdings Limited. Shareholders of Cloudy Range Holdings Limited are Tony and Sue Clark (50%), Tim Rivers (25%) and Darryl and Barbara Thompson (25%). It is proposed the property will be managed by Tim Rivers and Managing Director will be Tony Clark.

This application is for a new personal stock limitation for Tony Clark and Tim Rivers as follows:

7, 600 sheep (including not more than 3,400 breeding ewes) and 350 cattle (including not more than 100 breeding cows).

Base Stock Limit:

Not more than:

4895 sheep and 88 cattle (includes the 10% tolerance)

Current Personal Stock Limit: (last amended June 1984)

Class	Number	Conversion	Stock Units
Breeding Ewes Dry Sheep TOTAL SHEEP	3,700 <u>4,050</u> 7,750	1.0 0.7	3,700 <u>2,835</u> 6,535
Breeding Cows Dry Cattle TOTAL CATTLE	40 110 150	6.0 4.5	240 <u>495</u> 753
Hinds	20	2.0	40
TOTAL STOCK UNITS			7,310

Lock Limit has also applied to the Clarence Faces: That is that stock are to be allowed to graze the lower country of Clarence Faces as shown on an attached plan, not the higher country and that grazing is restricted to 1000 wethers. There had also previously been 100 and then 200 cattle included in the block limitation, but this was dropped in 1984 (no apparent reason).

Proposed new Personal Limitation for: Tim Rivers and Tony Clark

Class	Number	Conversion	Stock Units
Breeding Ewes Dry Sheep TOTAL SHEEP	3,400 4,200 7,600	1.0 0.7	3,400 <u>2,940</u> 6,340
Breeding Cows Dry Cattle TOTAL CATTLE TOTAL STOCK UNITS	100 <u>250</u> 350	6.0 4.5	600 1,125 1,725 8,065

Justification for new limit:

In summary the proposed limit is very close to the numbers that have been run in recent years. There has also been development undertaken since 1984 when the current limit was set.

In recent years the current lessee has run 7000 to 7500 sheep (including 3000 - 3500 breeding ewes and 1800 - 2200 wethers) along with 250 to 300 cattle (including 120 to 150 breeding cows). Total stock units of 7500 to just under 8000. No deer have been run for some time. Numbers were reduced last season due to the drought with numbers at takeover being 5742 sheep and 200 cattle. Grazing on the Clarence Faces has normally been by 1250 wethers for 11 months, although it has been acknowledged for some years that a good proportion of these sheep graze outside Cloudy Range on Clarence Reserve. Other than the stock trespass onto Clarence Reserve there has been no concerns about the level of stocking on the property in the past.

Production has been reasonable for a property of this nature. Lambing has averaged 80 - 90% with wool weights of 3.8 to 4.0 kg/head (6 kg /head from wethers). Calving averages 90%. Deaths average 3-5% in sheep and 3% in cattle.

Stock numbers were at similar levels to now in the early 80's following the Land Encouragement loans but like many other properties inputs were not sustained at the same level and numbers reduced in the late 80's and gradually built up again in more recent time, along with further oversowing of tussock country.

The new proposed limit is a little higher than the current personal limitation with the difference being higher cattle numbers and slightly less sheep numbers. However the proposed limit is similar to numbers that have been carried in recent years. Increased numbers are also supported by additional development work of the seeding of 2000 hectares with fertiliser on part that has been done since 1984.

Thissue of the Block Limitation and trespass of wethers onto Clarence Reserve will be discussed later in this report.

Tony Clark and Tim Rivers

Tony Clark currently runs a hill country property of 5000 stock units in the King Country. Along with his wife they have owned and operated this property for some 8 years. They previously owned another property in the King Country for 15 years. Mr Clark originally was in partnership with his brothers on Carrick Station, a pastoral lease situated in Bannockburn, Central Otago. It appears the Clark's are successful farmers with a background in high country farming. Mr Clark will be Managing Director.

Tim Rivers is the son of the current lessee and has been brought up on the property. Following working on various properties mainly in Central Otago he has been working on Cloudy Range for the last three years. Over that time he has taken on management responsibilities and has had full control of day to day management over the last year. Mr Rivers will be the on farm manager.

The purchasers have made application for the proposed stock numbers on the basis of information provided by the current lessee as to recent stock numbers and their own assessment of the carrying capacity of the property. It can be seen that these numbers are similar to that run in recent years, although numbers last season were down due to drought. They have also outlined broad development proposals and increased stock numbers. I have discussed the fact that a more detailed development application will need to be discussed on the ground and further increases of stock numbers will be looked at in conjunction with this.

I recommend the approval of Tony Clark and Tim Rivers as Managers of Cloudy Range and the new personal limitation as outlined above.

Clarence Faces

The current personal limitation also includes a Block Limitation over the Clarence faces. This area had been voluntarily destocked by the previous lessee. Mr River wished to graze the area and a limit put in place to in 1978, only allowing grazing on the lower altitude land adjacent to the Clarence River. This limitation also illegally included part of the Clarence Reserve POL without the consent of the occupier at that time. This was pointed out to Mr Rivers some years later by letter dated 24 March 1987, but no alteration made to the limitation.

There has been a long running boundary problem with Cloudy Range sheep having grazed parts of Clarence Reserve. Several boundary adjustments were proposed but consent from Clarence Reserve to relinquish any land was never forthcoming. The Crown does not appear to have actively sought to stop the stock trespass and ensure the conditions of the block limit were being met with stock grazing a much larger area than that allowed for in the block limit on both Cloudy Range and Clarence Reserve. The Crown also assisted through Marginal Lands finance to oversow parts of the Clarence faces with Maku lotus, a lot of this seed spread outside the block limit area as well. Most recently a tenure review was initiated with one of the primary objectives to find a solution to the problem. Part of Clarence Reserve was set aside from the Conservation Land survey to enable this to happen.

We believe there is now some doubt about the enforceability of block limits in general, but feel particularly in this case where there has been obvious breaches over a long period it would be very difficult to enforce. The area is also very isolated and difficult to view and inspect.

/e believe the important issue here is to make it quite clear that the Crown is only considering a transfer of he Cloudy Range pastoral lease and that there is no legal right to any grazing outside the boundards. The stock trespass issue will need to be dealt with the new lessees, and should be done early rather later.

Consultation with DoC:

Request for comment by letter dated 27 January 1999 with attachments.

DoC Response:

Letter received by fax 12 February 1999. It states "In my opinion it is desirable to protect (for conservation reasons) a number of inherent values which occur in the area affected by the proposed discretionary action. These values are contained particularly in the forest remnants and the higher altitude slopes of the Mason, Towy, Robson and Conway Rivers and on the Clarence faces, including those adjacent to Clarence Reserve."

The likely adverse effects are shown on the attachment which implies that this discretionary action will increase grazing pressure on the areas with inherent values identified.

It also makes comment about the current number, the and location of sheep on adjacent land - the proposed Conservation Area on Clarence Reserve. While an issue already raised in this submission it is not seen as relevant to effects on the Cloudy Range leasehold area.

It is suggested that the following conditions or restrictions will remedy or mitigate these adverse effects- to reduce the stock limitation of wethers to 500.

Further Consultation:

No further consultation is recommended.

Affected Parties:

We consider that there are no affected parties who should be consulted.

Available information:

A schedule of the available information which has been assessed is appended, along with copies of the information.

Inherent values and the desirability of protecting them:

Inherent values have been identified by DOC although I do not believe that they are affected by this application as implied. There is a potential for increased grazing but the proposal is for a continuation of current stock numbers and management. The values identified have survived and are present under the current management. We have already discussed that we have doubts about the applicability and enforceability of a block limit, particularly considering the past history in this case. I do not believe a stock limit as suggested by DOC would necessarily achieve the aims set out.

Farming considerations and the desirability of making it easier to use the land for farming:

This application is made on the basis of the current stocking of the property and the purchasers assessment of the carrying capacity.

C clusion:

The inherent values identified are not seen to be under immediate threat from this application. We have been advised that management will continue along similar line to recent years under experienced management. Any increase in numbers or development will require further application and this issue fully scoped at that time. There is an issue to be pursued regarding stock trespass onto Clarence Reserve but we see a condition making it quite clear that this approval only relates to the Cloudy Range pastoral lease and implies no rights outside the lease as the most appropriate way to handle the issue as set out in the transfer submission.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

1. That you approve the following stock limitation for Pm 015, Cloudy Range:

Not more than:7,600 Sheep (including not more than 3,400 breeding ewes) and 350 cattle (including not more than 100 breeding cows)

2. That this limitation is personal to Tony Clark and Tim Rivers and will be reconsidered should the lease be sold, the management change or the condition of the property deteriorate.

Signed for Knight Frank (NZ) Limited

Consultant

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Manager (Christchurch)

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Approved/Declined

Commissioner of Crown Lands / /

APPENDIX: Available information assessed

- 1. Application for personal stock limitation in letter from Simon Mortlock Lawyers dated 26 January 1999.
- 2. Request to DOC dated 27 January 1999.
- 3. Stocking and Production paper attached to DOC letter dated 27 January 1999.
- 4. Response from DOC received 12 February 1999.
- 5. Copy of lease document.

Pr action

Production has been reasonable for a property of this nature. Lambing has averaged 80 - 90% with wool weights of 3.8 to 4.0 kg/head (6 kg/head from wethers). Calving averages 90%. Deaths average 3-5% in sheep and 3% in cattle.

APPLICATION BY A J CLARK AND T C RIVERS

There is currently a contract for the purchase of Cloudy Range by Cloudy Range Holdings Limited. The shareholders are A J and S A Clark (50%), T C Rivers (25%) and D F and B M Thompson (25%). Mr Rivers will be manager of the property for the company, Mr Clark will be involved as Managing Director and the Thompson's are involved as investors.

Mr Rivers is the son of the current lessee and has been brought up on the property. He has been working full time on the property for the last three years and actively involved in the management over the past year or so. He also has other high country experience mainly in Central Otago.

Mr Clark currently has a 5000 stock unit property in the King Country, but he was brought up in the high country in Central Otago and his brother Don Clark now holds the family farm of Carrick at Bannockburn.

Please find attached a letter and schedule detailing development and stocking proposals. I have advised that the development proposals will require further detail to enable consideration and this is probably best done should the deal proceed after transfer and settlement. I propose to recommend a limit based on the stock numbers proposed for the winter of 2000, which equates to similar numbers that have been carried in recent years. Any further increases would have to be assessed in conjunction with any development considered and approved.

I am quite happy with the overall stock numbers proposed for the property although the issue of the Clarence Faces is a difficult historical problem that has been visited many times over the years but never resolved. It also need to be remembered that it was one of the primary issues in initiating the tenure review with the current lessee and part of Clarence Reserve has been surveyed separately to allow some rationalisation to occur. Strictly speaking if the grazing was to be constrained to Cloudy Range the limitation would have to be halved to 500 wethers, although even with this number there may still be some trespass onto Clarence Reserve. I'm unsure, however of the legal ramifications of reducing this, considering the past history of it.

SJK Bamford 27 / 01/ 1999