

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: DALRACHNEY

Lease number: PO 292

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.

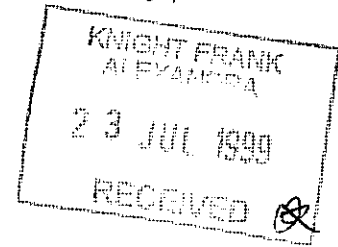
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Attention: Ken Taylor

Dear Ken,

TENURE REVIEW - DALRACHNEY

A Draft Proposal for Tenure Review for Dalrachney Station was close to finality in Feb 1998. We support the position presented in that Draft.

For process completeness the following submission is presented in relation to this property.

1. Little is known about the fishery values of streams on this property. Indications are that the Lindis River and Smiths Creek support some brown trout of takeable size. Both streams also exhibit reasonable spawning and nursery values.

Access difficulties inhibits angler use. Any angler activity is likely to be appreciated more for the wilderness experience rather than for the size of fish or catch rate.

The same comment would apply to Longslip Creek on the Oamaru side. Longslip is a recognised spawning stream for the Ahuriri rainbow and brown trout fishery.


2. Except for paradise shelduck, the numbers of waterfowl in the area is low.
3. Fish and Game supports the setting aside of marginal strips for all rivers and streams greater than 3 m wide. To enable anglers opportunity to benefit from such public estate we would also advocate for access from the Lindis-Tarras Highway to the Lindis River. This would follow along the existing farm track skirting the south west boundary at Breast Hill over to Smith Stream and from there up Smith Creek and over the saddle to the top of the Lindis River.

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4. We note that approximately 37% of the property is designated Class VII/VIII lands exhibiting server limitation for continued pastoral use. This includes much of the range tops immediately to the west of the homestead. In the interests of soil and water conservation, Fish and Game believes these vulnerable lands should be retired to the public estate.

Yours faithfully



Frank Scarf
Fish and Game Officer