

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: Eastburn  
Lease number: Po 257**

**Lease name: Waitiri  
Lease number: Po 270**

### **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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**Fish and Game Resources Report  
for the  
Eastburn/Waitiri Pastoral Lease.**

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**Section One - Introduction**

*1.1 Purpose*

The purpose of this report is to advise the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the sports fish and game habitat present on the land included in the Eastburn/Waitiri 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*

This pastoral lease is located on the north side of the Kawarau River, bounded to the east by the Roaring Meg, to the west by the Cardrona River.

**Section Two - General Resources Information**

*2.1 Sports Fisheries Values*

Fish surveys of the Roaring Meg show the presence of brown trout and brook char but brown trout occurrence is restricted to the area below the confluence of Plank Creek and the Roaring Meg. This is a small population of brook char and brown trout. It is also likely that a small brown trout population exists in Gentle Annie Creek.

The Cardrona River (including the upper reaches) is a significant trout-spawning site, utilised by Cardrona River resident and Clutha River brown trout as well as rainbow trout. There is good angling potential in the upper Cardrona River but use levels are relatively low.

The Kawarau River has trout fisheries value although physical access is difficult to this part of the river because of the gorge.

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### *2.2 Game-Bird Values*

Game birds present on the pastoral lease are California quail, Chukor partridge, and some nesting by Paradise Shelducks. It is likely that Mallard ducks also visit the lease. The habitat values of the lease are not sufficiently important to require specific protection measures.

### *2.3 Other Recreational Values*

Not Applicable

### *2.4 Access Information*

## **Section Three - Consultation**

### *3.1 Consultation Undertaken*

Not Applicable

### *3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation*

Not Applicable

## **Section Four - Fish and Game Perspective**

### *4.1 Habitat Views*

Due to the small trout populations in the Roaring Meg, and the roading situation in the Cardrona Valley allowing ready access to the upper Cardrona River, habitat requirements can be limited to areas identified as requiring marginal strips.

### *4.2 Access Views*

Access to the Kawarau River is currently difficult. Marginal strips should be laid off where they do not already occur on all qualifying waterways.

## **Section Five - Bibliography**

Tenure Review Document

Crown pastoral Lands Act

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Signed



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