

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: HUXLEY GORGE II

Lease number: PT 139

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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TENURE REVIEW – HUXLEY GORGE

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Games interest in relation to Huxley Gorge.

1. The Hopkins and Huxley rivers provide angling opportunity for both rainbow and brown trout. These two rivers attract about 600 angler days per season. The Hopkins River also provides trout spawning habitat in the small, stable, springfed tributaries. Gamebird hunting opportunity for paradise shelduck, mallard duck, and Canada geese also exists in the Hopkins River valley.
2. Larch Stream (Huxley Gorge Run 528) which flows into the Hopkins River has a base of very fine gravel. This gravel provides the only known spawning ground of sockeye salmon in New Zealand.
3. The Temple Swamps (Huxley Gorge Run 528) area provides a valuable gamebird hunting area. Mallard duck, paradise shelduck, Canada geese and black swan frequent these wetlands.
4. Access to and protection of the above mentioned areas of value is important. With this in mind Fish and Game request that the following be included in the tenure review.
 - a) Marginal strips be set off on both sides of the Hopkins River from Lake Ohau to its source.
 - b) All legal roads that bound or bisect the Huxley Gorge property be retained.
 - c) Marginal strips are set off on both sides of Larch Stream (marked on attached map) and stock be prevented from accessing the stream.
 - d) The area of land surrounding the Temple wetlands be retained as crown land and set off as a reserve. (Marked on attached map).

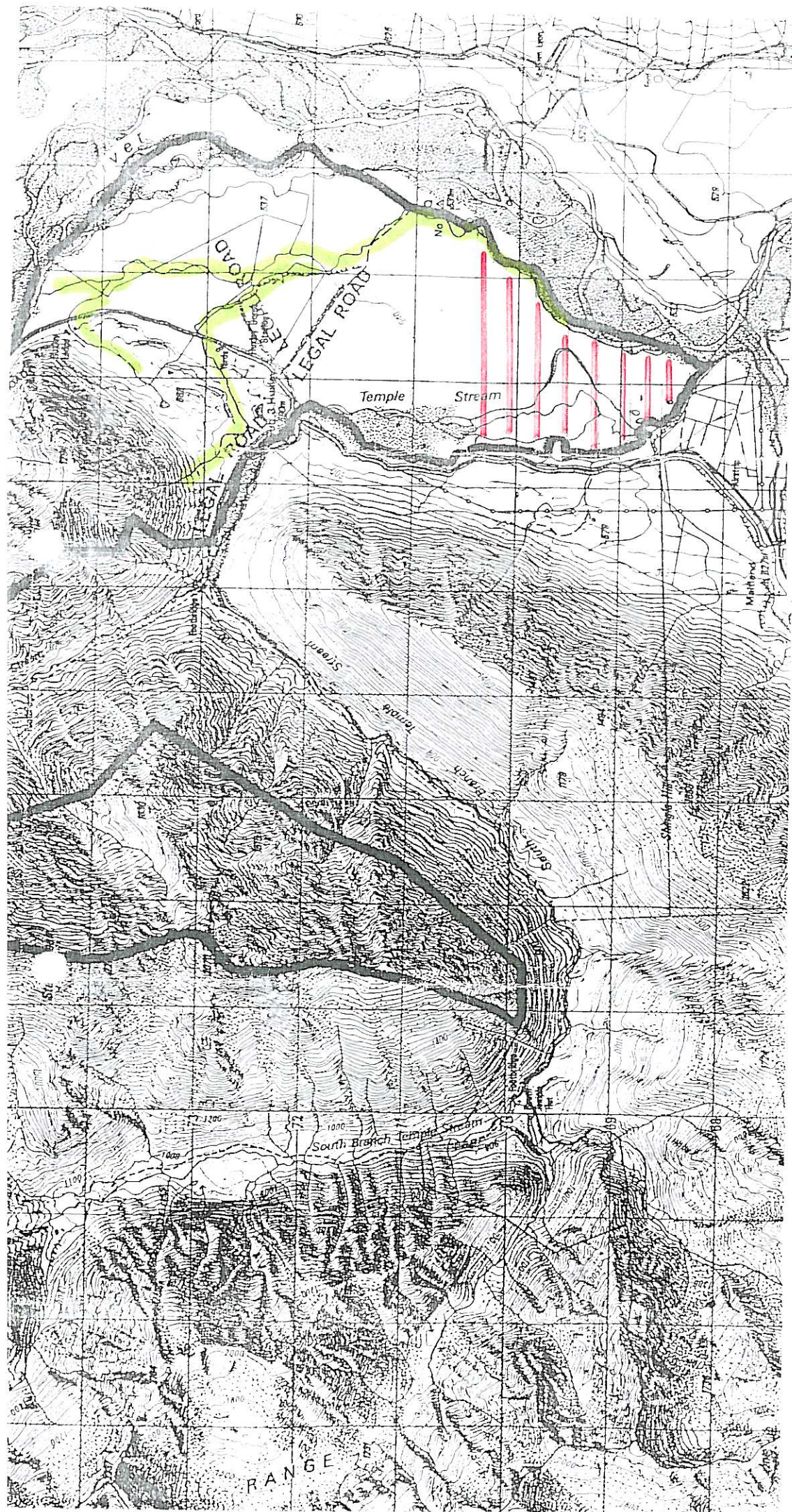
Yours faithfully

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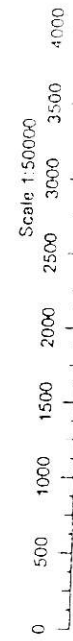


Temple wetland area to be reserved off

Larch Stream



HUXLEY GORGE (RUN 528)
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**EXCLUDES ALL LEGAL ROADS
& MARGINAL STRIPS (IF ANY)**

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