

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: LITTLE MT IDA

Lease number: PO 321

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 Little Mt Ida 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 values present on the land included in the Little Mt Ida 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

Little Mt Ida is located between State Highway 85 and takes in the head waters of the Wether Burn. The lease surrounds the hill known as Little Mt Ida.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

- **Ida Burn**

The lease contains the upper Ida Burn where at the northern extreme of the lease, the Ida Burn emerges from an underground flow. The reach below this is an excellent spawning and nursery area. It should be noted that the Mt Ida Water race takes large volumes of water at a location approximately half way down the lease. This has a considerable negative impact on the habitat below the take.

- **Wether Burn**

The lease contains the headwaters of the Wether Burn from the east side of Little Mt Ida. An initial inspection showed a river with outstanding physical attributes and naturalness in an area that we had had no experience in. Due to this high quality, we returned on 16th October 2000 to electric fish a 50m section of the Wether Burn (above the Mt. Ida water

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race siphon). The electric fishing results yielded 2 brown trout (103, 110mm) for the entire section showing very little utilisation by sports fish.

2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values

There are no sports fisheries recreation values on the lease.

2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values

The lease contains several gamebird species including limited numbers of Canada geese, mallard ducks and paradise Shelducks. These are generally located on the lower altitude areas of the lease around the Ida Burn. It is likely that mallard and paradise shelducks are also present around the Wether Burn but this was unconfirmed.

2.4 Gamebird Recreation Values

There are very limited gamebird recreational values on this lease.

2.5 Other Recreational Values

No other recreational values identified.

2.6 Access Information

N/A

Section Three - Consultation

3.1 Consultation Undertaken

N/A

3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation

N/A

Section Four - Fish and Game Perspective

4.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

Marginal strips should be laid off where they qualify to protect water quality and the associated invertebrate population as a food supply. This is particularly important for the Ida Burn for spawning and rearing in the section above the water race take off.

The Wether Burn should also be considered for marginal strip due to its high degree of naturalness.

4.2 Fisheries Recreation Views

No issues identified on the lease.

4.3 Gamebird habitat Views

Habitat protection is not required.

4.4 Gamebird Recreation Views

No issues identified.

4.5 Access Views

No further access arrangements are required

Section Five - Bibliography

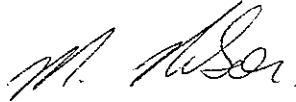
Tenure Review Document

Crown Pastoral lands Act. (1998)

Land Status Report for Little Mt Ida.

Dated: Friday, 3 November 2000

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Nelson', is written over the 'Signed' text.

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