

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MT NIMROD

Lease number: PT 094

Public Submissions - Part 3

These submissions were received as a result of the public advertising of the Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review.

November

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Submission 10



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Dear Mike

Re: Tenure Review of Mt Nimrod Pastoral Lease

On behalf of the South Canterbury Tramping Club I would like to comment on the proposal for the tenure review of Mt Nimrod Pastoral Lease.

The South Canterbury Tramping Club, with a membership of approx 66, regularly visit this area, particularly the Scenic reserve. Mt Nimrod has superb views all around South Canterbury and beyond and we would value having permanent and year round access through this area. The proposed access a-b-c would be used by our members but we would like to also see a poled route across to the top of the Matata Reserve as this would allow a trip up the Nimrod Scenic reserve and down the Matata Reserve or vice versa. Access off the main track b-c to the high points along the ridge would be desirable as these would be good destinations for those not going as far. This proposed easement a-b-c says it is to provide access for public foot, horse and non-motorised vehicle access but as access to it is through the Nimrod Reserve it is only practical for foot access. Mountain bikes and horses need an alternative to get to point b. We are happy that motorized vehicles are not included in this access easement.

Using access a-b-c to get to the summit of Mt Nimrod is a fairly indirect and long route. We would like to also see a poled route for walking access from the top of the Nimrod Reserve largely following the ridge around to approximately point v. This would be a more direct route and would also allow for a circuit combined with a-b-c.

Indigenous vegetation

The area proposed to be disposed of by freehold disposal has a substantial amount of modified indigenous vegetation, especially in White Rock River up stream from the Reserve and in Nimrod Stream.(see photos).This level of indigenous vegetation is higher than other areas of the Hunter Hills. We feel there needs to be some sort of protective mechanism in place to prevent the best of this from being further degraded and to sustain the "special quality and integrity of the high country landscape". If either one of these areas had special protection it would provide a corridor from the bottom to the top of the range and link the forest and shrubland with the higher tussock grasslands and give some protection over the complete altitudinal range. Restricting grazing to the current level by either a covenant if freehold , or by retaining in Crown ownership with a controlled grazing lease should at least maintain the indigenous vegetation at its current level.

We understand there is a small patch of beech trees in the area above the Matata Reserve. This is unusual for this area and needs to have a protective covenant over it, preferably be fenced and have poled walking access to it.

Fencing

We are pleased that new fencing will be provided where required. We have some concerns about the current fencing around parts of the Nimrod Reserve in particular near the start of the proposed access a-b. According to the map provided the fence is inside the Nimrod Reserve and is certainly within the bush and is subject to damage. This fence line should be replaced following the actual boundary and all other fences made stock proof.

Yours sincerely

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Hazel Marshall
Secretary
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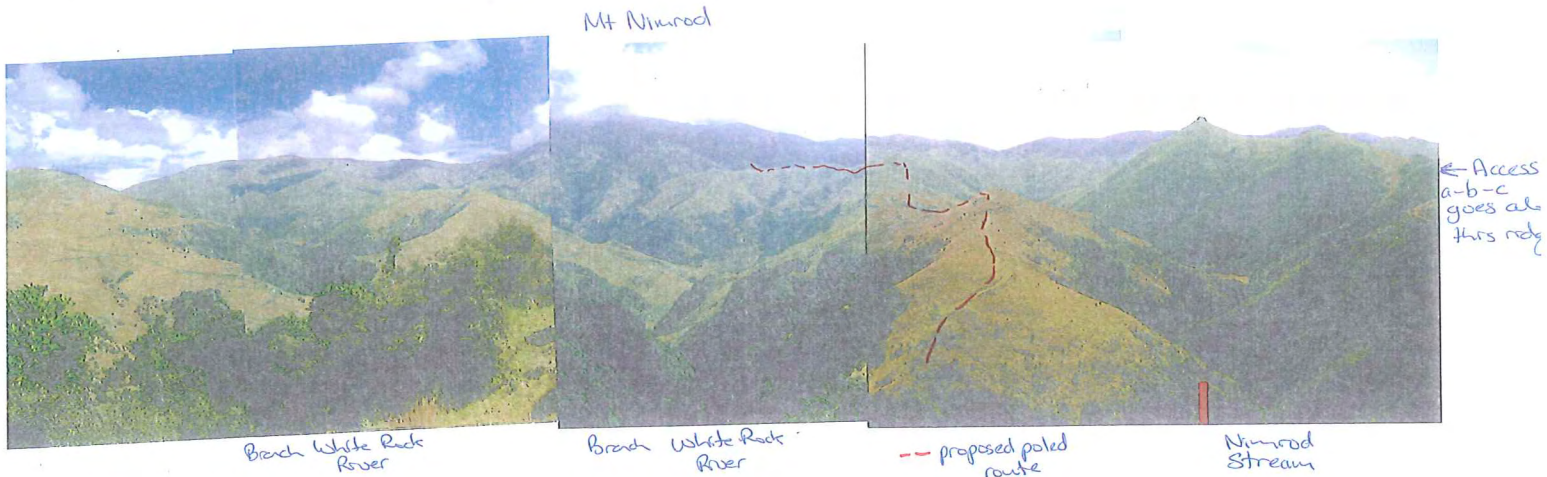


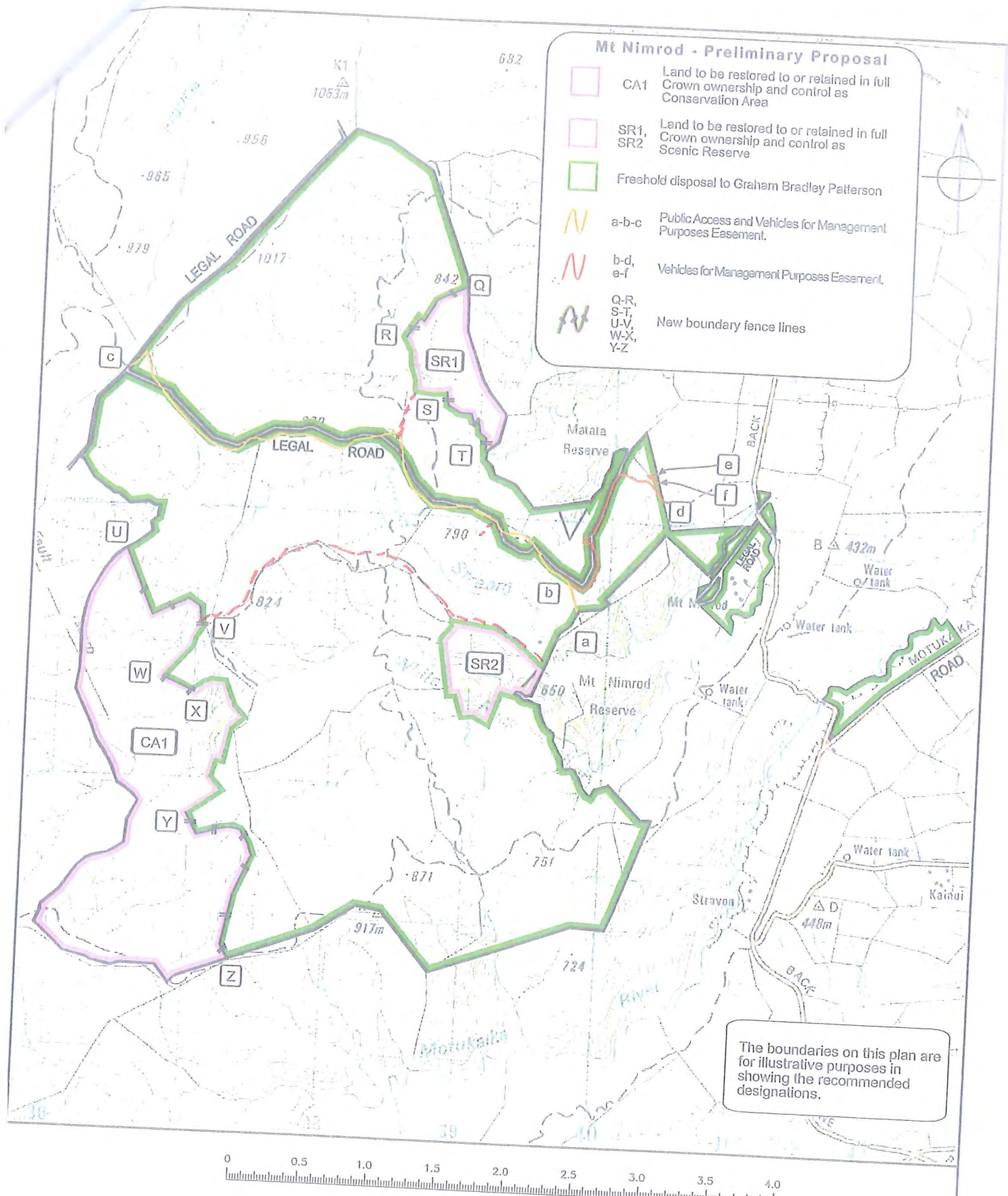
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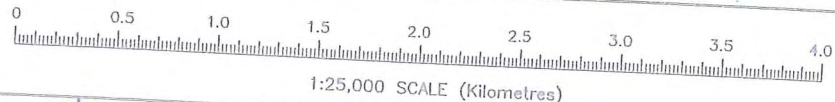
Nimrod
Stream

View from top of Nimrod Reserve





The boundaries on this plan are for illustrative purposes in showing the recommended designations.



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MT NIMROD
(R.S.41210 & R.S.41211, Pts.RESERVE 3346 & Pts RUN 305)
Excludes All Legal Roads and Marginal Strips (If Any)
Topographic Map 260 - J39

Canterbury Land District
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--- suggested poled routes

Submission 11

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To Whom it may concern

I would like to make the following submission for Preliminary Proposal for the Mt Nimrod Pastoral Lease which is undergoing tenure review under the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998. I strongly support the proposal I would like to express the wish that they be fully adopted. I am somewhat familiar with this area as a geodesist measuring earth deformation activity across the South Island while working for the University of Otago in the 1990s. From a public recreation point of view the area CA1 in the designations plan and the public access route a-b-c from the Mt Nimrod to the top of the range is likely to be the most valuable part of the lease for tramping and incorporating this with the adjacent conservation lands will significantly increase the scope for outdoor recreation in Hunter Hills. As I understand it, this will provide access to CA1 through from other DOC land acquired Mt Nimrod and other pastoral leases. The area CA1 will provide a nice addition to these DOC lands. It extends up to 1300 m elevation and is primarily natural tussock.

So for these reasons I can give my full support to the proposed tenure review.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Pearson

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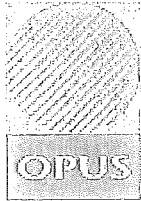
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The Kaumira hunting block is very close to the city of Timaru (under 50km by road) so it is important that as many people as possible get to see it. After all, the area is approximately 4,000 ha and having Mt Nimrod in it being the highest point you can see in the Hunter Hills from Timaru.

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The Matata Reserve should be linked to the Mt Nimrod Reserve by a pole marked route Public Access Easement.

At present public go into the Matata Reserve heading for the top of Mount Nimrod or Kaumira hunting block, crossing run 305 block, mostly without getting the runholder's permission.

There could be two pole marked routes. One, a shorter one being where the proposed Public Access track passes within 300m of Matata Reserve south end. The second pole marked route could be out from the new area to be added to Matata Reserve (SR1 on map) up to the small patch of beech trees (silver) in the Matata creek water shed; then up to the ridge to legal road on top of the ridge and head south to point C linking it with Kaumira Block.

The small patch of beech trees in the Matata creek water shed should have a protective covenant on it and walking access from the Matata Reserve (pole route). There are very few beech trees in the Hunter Hills with none in the Matata or Nimrod Reserves. This patch of beech is probably the most south east patch in the Hunter Hills and the Canterbury Region. It would certainly be worth protecting and giving the public walking access to the beech trees.

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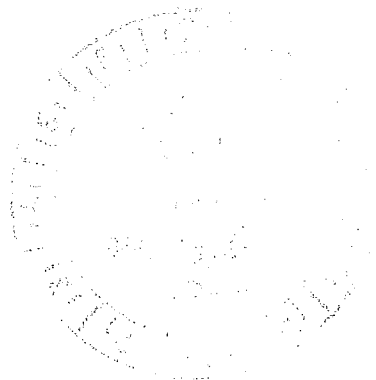
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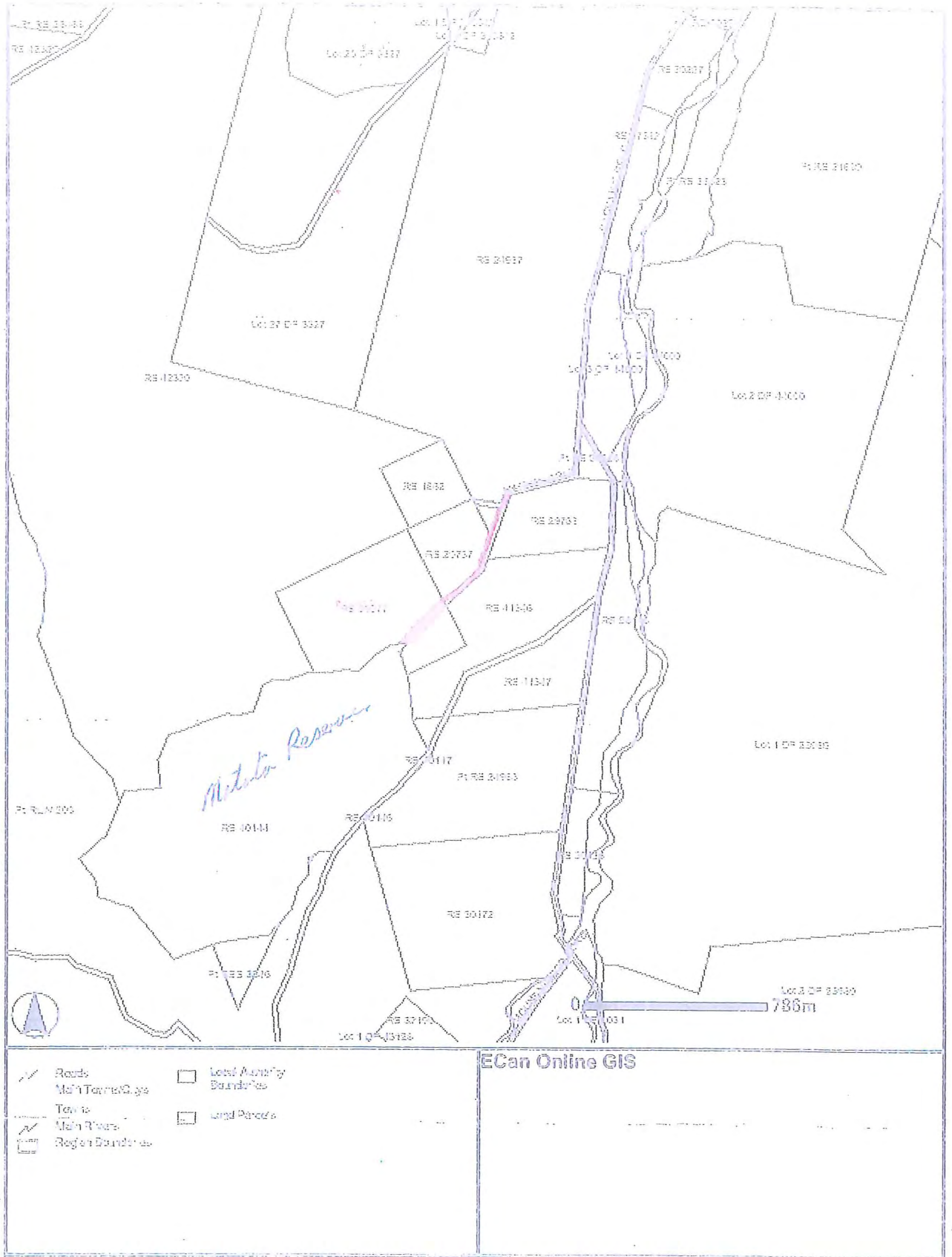


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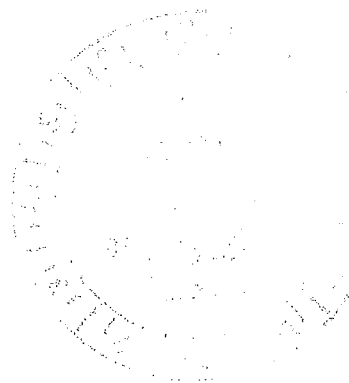


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