

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MT NIMROD

Lease number: PT 094

Public Submissions - Part 7

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

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WALKING ACCESS
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18 March 2010

Mike Todd
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Dear Mike,

Re: Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review: Mount Nimrod Pastoral Lease Pt 094

Thank you for providing the Walking Access Commission with the opportunity to comment on the preliminary proposal for the tenure review of the Mt Nimrod pastoral lease. As you will appreciate, this is the first opportunity that the Walking Access Commission has had to comment on this proposal.

We have reviewed the proposal, making the following observations to improve the provision of practical public walking access:

Access to the conservation area on adjoining property

It is proposed to create "An easement to provide for public foot, horse and non-motorised vehicle access, and for vehicle access for conservation management purposes under Section 40(2)(b) and (c) CPLA 1998 (marked 'a-b-c' on the designations plan)." is proposed. We note that "This track loosely follows the existing (unformed legal) road between the points 'b' and 'd'" which is much of its length. The Commission supports this proposal and endorses the practical approach taken in recognising that the easement follows the formed farm track.

The Commission notes that public walking access to this easement is proposed to be via the Mt Nimrod Reserve. Given the proposed easement allows for "for public foot, horse and non-motorised vehicle access" (and recognising that the Mt Nimrod Reserve is beyond the boundaries of the lease being reviewed) the Department of Conservation will need to ensure that access provisions through the Mt Nimrod Reserve are the same as those proposed in the easement.

Vehicles for management purposes easement

Section 2.2.1b of the preliminary proposal describes an easement "to provide for vehicle access for conservation management purposes" marked 'e-f' and 'b-d' on the designations plan.

The Commission believes that use of the portion marked 'b-d' will enhance practical access to the Matata Reserve and the proposed addition (SR1) to this reserve. Provision should also be made for public foot, horse and non-motorised vehicle access along this route. Provision should be made for practical walking access along the section 'e-f' which will then accommodate a loop track through the Mt Nimrod Reserve, along 'a-b-d' and 'e-f' when the Department of Conservation has the opportunity to negotiate an easement with wider provisions than just 'access for conservation management purposes' through the neighbouring property.

Creation of Scenic Reserve 1 and access through Matata Reserve

We acknowledge that you are under instruction not to consider property other than that which is the subject of a given review. However, the preliminary proposal tabled suggests that access to the area designated SR1 will be through the Matata Reserve. The preliminary proposal also states that "no specific access arrangements to SR1 have been provided for in the review." We note the designated plan does not show any public access to the Matata reserve. You have previously advised that:

"As the Matata reserve is not part of the review we are not strictly concerned with access to that area. I believe that it can be accessed via unformed legal roads but I am not sure if these provide practical access or not." (pers com 5 Feb 2010)

For all intents and purposes the proposed area SR1 and Matata Reserve are land locked. When the preliminary proposal is considered, the question arises: can you confirm that practical access is available to the area designated SR1?

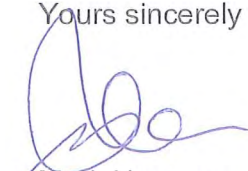
A possible solution

The Commission notes the presence of an unformed legal road (Road parcel 3,578,864 066 Waimate District) running from Back Line Road up to and alongside the Matata Reserve before joining the farm track along which the easements are proposed.

The Commission believes that practical access could be provided to the Matata Reserve, including the proposed addition (SR1), and the conservation area bordering the run by utilising the length of the unformed legal road, from where it leaves the formed road through to the point 'c'.

The Walking Access Commission would like to discuss the legal nature and content of the proposed easements (if accepted) with you.

Yours sincerely



Mark Neeson
Chief Executive

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SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION



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16 March 2010

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Dear Sir

Re: Mt Nimrod Tenure Review

Thank you for your notification sent to us on 22 January 2010.

Attached to this letter is the Submission prepared on behalf of the South Canterbury Branch New Zealand Deerstalkers Association.

We would like to be consulted at any hearings to be held in respect of this tenure review as the Branch are very concerned about the access problems which appear to be inherent in the proposal dated December 2009.

Yours faithfully

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Kerry O'Rourke
Secretary
South Canterbury Branch NZDA

NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH (INC.)

OBJECTION TO MT NIMROD PASTORAL LEASE PROPOSAL
DATED DECEMBER 2009
WITH REGARD PASTORAL LEASE PT094 KNOWN AS MT NIMROD
LESSEE - G.B. PATTERSON

Background

The objector is The South Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association. We have 46 nationwide branches established in 1946. Locally we have approximately 250 active members. The club is well established and expanding both nationally and locally. Although the club is known by the name Deerstalkers Association it has many ancillary activities that occupy all the family members in past-times such as climbing, tramping, snow craft, survival skills, photography competitions, camping, ecological concerns, as well as hunting competitions.

Locally the SCNZDA conducts many organized and regular activities on the Hunter Hills, especially in the area of Mt Nimrod, which is only 50 km from the area of Timaru where most of the members of the local branch are drawn.

Many of the members are well known nationally and internationally in the protection of wildlife and native fauna and flora. Two notable members who should be known to you who have excelled in this field are; Mr John Anderson (late deceased of Albury) who established his own Arboretum on his farm at the back of Albury, and Mr A.S.D. Evans who is a life member of many outdoor branches and organizations who has excelled during his lifetime in respect of access matters in the high country. Alan is regarded as the best authority in New Zealand in respect of the history of access problems throughout New Zealand. We are proud to have had both these men as our prior Presidents of our local club, as they have added quality and diversity to the deerstalkers name and reputation.

The Proposal

We have reviewed the proposal set out in the December 2009 summary prepared by your office (OPUS International). Our club has met, discussed the proposal, and taken advice regarding our interests in respect of this proposal and wish to signal a major objection to this proposal the way it has been formulated by you.

Objection

This objection surrounds the matter of your limited access, which under your present proposal effectively blocks off access to our hunters to a huge amount of the area on and about Mt Nimrod. This will have serious effect on the ecology as over the last 50 years we believe that our club and the associate members coming from elsewhere, have contributed more to the protection of the ecology than any other organization. We can only continue to be of benefit in the control of pests such as Wallaby Tahr, Chamois, Goats and Pigs, if proper access is maintained.

We note there is a significant access track which has been established through taxpayer funds (Catchment Board principally), giving adequate access to much of the land. Our club is dismayed at any proposal to take a taxpayer funded access way and put it under private control, thereby blocking the organizations who are best prepared to assist in the ecology protection. We are aware that the Department of Conservation would become the manager of the retired land and that DOC has relied on a diminishing amount of public funds to try and regulate the ecology of this type of area. We believe that in the future they will need to look more at the management through the use of our membership to make control of the pests mentioned above.

Proposal by Club

We propose that your proposals marked 2.2.(1)a and 2.2(1)b be amended so that it is quite clear that the proposed easement for public and conservation management purposes would be available to our club members as of right for vehicle access except when periods of extreme danger might exist eg flood, impassable roads, fire danger etc.

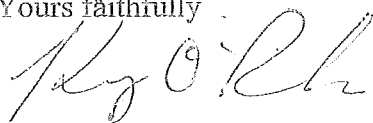
Please be aware that the club carries extensive public liability insurance, has regular safety and education meetings regarding the preservation of ecology around reserves

such as the Mt Nimrod Reserve and is freely available to the DOC authorities to be brought in for the assistance of the preservation of the natural ecology. Our club has worked in with other DOC managed areas (such as in the Arrowtown catchment and in the Blue Mountains), where we believe we have contributed a great deal to the preservation and balancing of the ecologies in those areas, especially in the containment of animals which may build up to pest proportions threatening the ecology.

Please also be aware that it was a life member of NZDA (Dr Orbell) who re-discovered the existence of remaining Takahe in the Fiordland National Park, thus without the assistance of the NZDA, New Zealand would have lost an important relic of its ecological history.

We look forward to meeting with you regarding the alteration and qualification of the access to this important reserve, so that our organization can continue to work in partnership with DOC for the sustained management of this area.

Yours faithfully

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Kerry O'Rourke
Secretary

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19 March 2010

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Dear Sir

**Re: Objection by South Canterbury Branch New Zealand Deerstalkers - Mt
Nimrod Tenure Review**

You will have recently received our written objection. We omitted to enclose the signatures of a number of the members who were at our meeting when we considered this matter last.

Please place this with our objection.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kerry O'Rourke".

Kerry O'Rourke
Secretary
South Canterbury Branch NZDA

Mt Nimrod Tenure Review Objectors

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Temuka Tramping Club
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14th March 2010



Dear Sir,

Re Tenure Review --- Mt Nimrod.

The above mentioned club wishes to submit that: **A poled walking route be established, for public access between Matata Reserve and Nimrod Reserve, to link them.** It could go from the yellow line, at the shortest point to the Matata Reserve.

Yours sincerely

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President

L. A. Peck

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