

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: OMARAMA

Lease number: PO 369

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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DTZ New Zealand
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Alexandra

Attn: Ken Taylor

Dear Ken,

**OMARAMA STATION TENURE REVIEW:
FISH AND GAME RESOURCES REPORT**

This property encompasses, in whole or part, the following waterways, some of which are ephemeral;

- Glen Creek
- Cattle Creek
- Old Man Creek
- Boxwood Stream
- Alcove Stream
- Omarama Stream

Some of the smaller waterways do not hold specific fish and values, however Omarama Stream is highly important. Omarama Stream is utilised by resident trout, along with trout migrating from Lake Benmore and the Ahuriri River for spawning.

It is particularly important for rainbow trout, as they are principally tributary spawners and less likely to utilise the lake or the mainstem for spawning. With regard to spawning in the Ahuriri River system, of the tributaries where spawning takes place, Omarama Stream is the most important.

The importance of protecting the water quality and quantity in the stream from stock damage and inappropriate land use is clear.

Three kilometres of the Omarama Stream flows through this property and requires marginal strips and access along both sides, from the end of the road near Omarama to the boundary with Tara Hills. Access is then required to the marginal strips of the stream. It would be logical to have the road at Tara Hills Station boundary marked as a

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public road and the entrance from Omarama township needs signage indicating it is a public road as it currently looks like a driveway.

I understand there to be a QEII open space covenant protecting 2 areas totalling 975 hectares of high altitude tussock grassland and associated vegetation on the property, however these are not marked on the topo/cadastral maps supplied by DTZ.

In the management strategy Section 8 - recreational use, I note there is no acknowledgement of upland gamebird hunting values.

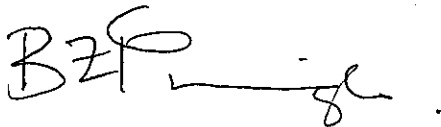
Whilst I understand that protecting gamebird habitat is not one of the aims and objectives of the covenant, Fish and Game consider it important to recognise this value in the tenure review process and provide for it. The high slopes on the property provide habitat for chukor and quail, gamebirds on the First Schedule of the Wildlife Act 1953, and as such are an important recreational resource for Fish and Game licence holders.

Access is required to these habitats (in line with the provisions set out in the covenant agreement) and other high slopes on the property.

Finally there are tracks and roads shown on the topo/cadastral map supplied which are not legal or public roads. Fish and Game request that they be made legal and available for public use.

If you require any clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Z Pringle', followed by a horizontal line and a period.

B Z Pringle
Resource Officer
Central South Island Fish and Game