

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: RIBBONWOOD

Lease number: PO 247

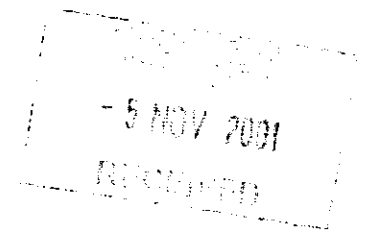
Fish & Game Report

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.

December

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1 November 2001

Tim Whitaker
Knight Frank
PO Box 27
ALEXANDRA

Dear Tim,

RIBBONWOOD TENURE REVIEW

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game interest in relation to the Ribbonwood property.

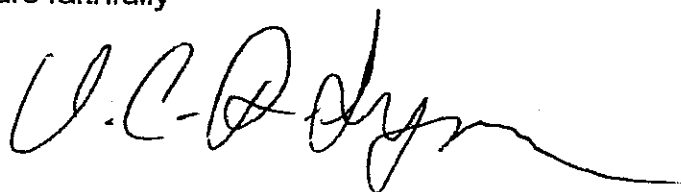
1. The headwaters of Wairepo Stream, Serpentine Creek, and Quail Burn rise in or flow through Ribbonwood Station. Whilst they could not be described as angling waters they may provide spawning habitat and or rearing habitat for juvenile trout.
2. The Ahuriri River borders/bounds the western margins of the property for approximately 5 km. The East Branch of the Ahuriri runs through the property for approximately 8 kms to the junction with the Ahuriri River mainstem. The Ahuriri River has a rainbow and brown trout sportsfishery of national importance. In recognition of this and the angling amenity provided, the Ahuriri River was gazetted with a National Water Conservation Order in July 1990.
3. The Diadem Range in "Run 532" is situated roughly on the western fringe of chukor population range. However it is not known for upland game and we are unaware of hunters using it.
4. Ribbonwood Station is located close to many creeks, swamps, rivers and Lake Ohau. It has always been a prime hunting area for shelduck and Canada geese which annually target greenfeed and cereal crops on the northern terrace land in "Sec 3 SO22065." Despite this there are no huntable wetlands situated on Ribbonwood Station. That part of the Ahuriri River, which flows along the southern boundary is contained within high terraces. While there may be one or two resident pairs of shelduck on the riverbed, there is a large area of preferred habitat on Ben Avon Station wetlands several kilometres upstream from the Ribbonwood Station boundary which supports at times large populations of duck and geese.

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5. Considering the values outlined above we seek inclusion of the following in the Tenure Review Process.
- a) Retention of marginal strip on the true left bank of the Ahuriri
 - b) Marginal strips to be set off on the Ahuriri East Branch.
 - c) Vehicle access along Ireland road to the junction of the East Branch and main stem Ahuriri River.

Yours faithfully

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Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer



9 November 2001

Knight Frank
PO Box 27
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Attention: Tim Whittaker

Dear Tim

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In addition to the requests outlined in the Fish and Game resources report dated 1 November 2001 we also request the following:

- d) A management easement for vehicle access along the track that follows the Ahuriri River East Branch from the end of Ireland Road to the property boundary with Quailburn.

The Ahuriri River East Branch holds good numbers of fish and provides spawning habitat for trout from the Ahuriri River and Lake Benmore. It is particularly important for rainbow trout as they are predominantly tributary spawners.

In the future if we need to conduct spawning counts or productivity assessments etc it will be helpful to have vehicle access, enabling transportation of labour and equipment.

We will also be seeking a similar easement in relation to the Ahuriri River East Branch for the Quailburn property.

Yours faithfully

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Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer

Cc: Ken Taylor

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