

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : SHINGLEY CREEK

Lease number : PO 043

Conservation Resources Report - Part 7

As part of the process of Tenure Review, advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease is provided by Department of Conservation officials in the form of a Conservation Resources Report. This report is the result of outdoor survey and inspection. It is a key piece of information for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

Note: Plans which form part of the Conservation Resources Report are published separately.

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Fig. 5 Although most of this pastoral lease may be suitable for freeholding, there is a small area of high ground adjacent to the boundary with The Dasher, between about 1,100m and 1,300m which has been classified LUC VIIe and which is almost certainly not capable of supporting ecologically sustainable pastoral use. These Kaikoura Steepland soils would be better used for conservation purposes. The vegetation is less modified than elsewhere on Shingley Creek pastoral lease.



Fig. 6 In this area of Kaikoura Steepland soils, the tussock grassland is depleted but there is also considerable biodiversity including sub-alpine shrubs like *Drachophyllum* and *Coprosma* together with *Celmisia* and *Luzula* species. This area is worthy of protection on account of its significant inherent values.



Fig. 7 The trip to Obi is interesting in itself, but is even more interesting in that it leads to some unique features of the Hectors Plateau which are a great asset to the recreational people of North Otago. The zig-zag climb is steep but the views are worth the effort expended in getting to such a vantage point. Such are the reasons why access across Shingley Creek is so important.



Fig. 8 Despite its modest altitude, there are many interesting sub-alpine plants in spectacular natural rock gardens right alongside the track, and these add greatly to the recreational experience of a trip over Obi. Although not actually on the Shingley Creek pastoral lease, this area might be regarded as an upward extension of the natural values of that property.