



Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : The Gorge

Lease number : Pt 004

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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Attention: Frank Scarf

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Dear Sir

TENURE REVIEW PROJECT PLANS

I am currently drafting plans for The Gorge (Orari) and Ferintosh pastoral leases, and have scheduled conservation reports including Fish and Game reports as being available as shown in the following schedule:

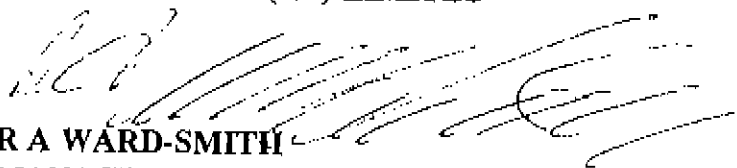
The Gorge	25 February 2000
Ferintosh	27 March 2000

I would be pleased if you could reply by return fax either that you are able to meet those times, or requiring some other time. I will contact you again in the next few days regarding other plans.

Yours faithfully
KNIGHT FRANK (NZ) LIMITED

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5/7/01
Denis Ferguson
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Dear Denis

Tenure Review - The Gorge

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game's interest in relation to The Gorge property.

1. The Orari River and its tributaries support a locally important salmon and trout fishery. Approximately 6300 angler days are spent on the river each season. It is the sixth most utilised sportfishery in the Central South Island Region. Fishing is largely concentrated to the coastal reaches and to a lesser extent the upper reaches (gorge area) and tributaries as the middle reaches go dry in most seasons. The upper Scotsburn Stream is also important as a fishery because the middle and lower reaches often go dry.
2. The Orari River in the Gorge area and Scotsburn Stream in the vicinity of the property are a valuable resource to anglers who enjoy a wilderness fishing experience. Numbers of brown trout may not be great but the reward comes from the solitude and scenic values attached to these waterways. A feature of these sections of the waterways is the bedrock forming a very stable bed, and an abundance of invertebrates. The trout populations are self-sustaining with suitable areas available for spawning and juvenile rearing with good pools of clear water holding the larger fish.
3. Retention of the legal road extending from the end of Orari River Road to the properties northern boundary and adjacent to the true left bank of the Orari River is sought. We would like this road retained to provide angler access to the Orari River from the road at the following points:
 - a) at the end of Orari River Road (map reference: J37 658960)
 - b) near the properties northern boundary (map ref: J37 632994)
- 3 Continued angler access to the Orari River and to the Scotsburn Stream is important. With this in mind we request that marginal strips

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are retained or set off along the Orari River and Scotsburn Stream over the length of property margin involved.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. P. Lynn".

Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer

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