

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: THE GORGE**

**Lease number: PT 004**

### **Public submissions – Part I**

These submissions were received as a result of the public advertising of the preliminary proposal for tenure review.

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### Ngāi Tahu Submission on The Gorge Pastoral Lease

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the relevant Papatipu Rūnanga; Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and Te Rūnanga o Waihao have considered the information provided in The Gorge Preliminary Proposal, and have made the following comments:

### Ngāi Tahu Association with The Gorge Pastoral Lease

### Pepeha for Kāti Huirapa Hapū of the Arowhenua Region

Tarahaoa me Hua Tekerekere te mauka  
Orari te awa  
Arai te Uru te waka  
Rakaihautu he takata  
Arowhenua te whenua  
Te Hapa o Niu Tereni te Whare

Translation of the Pepeha:

Tarahaoa (Mt Peel) and Hua Tekerekere (Little Mt Peel) - the mountains that I adore  
Orari River - the river that sustained my tūpuna (ancestors)  
Arai te Uru - the waka of my ancestors  
Rakaihautu - my tūpuna (ancestor)  
Arowhenua - my land  
Te Hapa o Niu Tereni - my marae

A pepeha can be generally defined as a statement of one's tribal identity and association with the land. Pepeha usually consist of landmarks that are important to the iwi (tribe) or hapū (sub-tribe). Ngāti Huirapa is the hapū of the Arowhenua Region. When an individual from Ngāti Huirapa visits a marae he or she will introduce him/herself by reciting his/her pepeha, which explains their whakapapa (genealogy). In other words who they are and where they are from.

Tarahaoa (Mt Peel) and Hua te kerekere (Little Peel) were passengers on the ancient and famous waka known as Te Arai Te Uru, which ran aground down at Matakaea (Shag Point). On their hiko through Te

Waipounamu (the South Island), Tarahao & Huatekerekere decided to stay in the Rakitata<sup>1</sup> area. With their canoes destroyed, they wandered inland and lived the remainder of their lives where they could always see the sun go down. They prayed to their gods that on their death they should be changed into mountains.

The Gods obliged and Tarahao and Huatekerekere were turned into mountains and are linked inseparably together. They are still standing today and are generally known today as Mt Peel and Little Mt Peel.

Tarahao and Huatekerekere were survived by their two children whom the Gods turned into two giant totara trees in the forest on their death and are still present in Peel forest today. They had four children, and the moko (grandchildren) are perpetuated in the range known as the Four Peaks, the mountain range adjoining Big Mount Peel and Little Mount Peel, and the surrounding mountains.

The Gorge Pastoral Lease is located within the maunga tūpuna of Tarahao, Huatekerekere, and their mokopuna (grandchildren).

#### Ngāi Tahu Comments

The Gorge Pastoral Lease is part of the ancestral maunga that is of immense importance to local Ngāi Tahu hapū, and therefore contains significant inherent cultural values. Section 24 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act (1998) states the objects of Part 2 of the CPLA (1998) is to enable the protection of the significant inherent values of reviewable land:-

- (1) by the creation of protective mechanisms; or (preferably)
- (2) by the restoration of the land concerned to full Crown ownership and control.

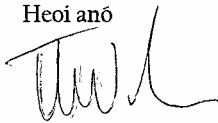
Although there are a number of protection mechanisms under the CPLA (1998) Te Rūnanga and kaitiaki Papatipu Rūnanga are unsure of the most suitable mechanism to protect these significant inherent cultural values.

To assist in the decision making process our preferred process is to inspect the Gorge Pastoral Lease with the LINZ contractor. During the iwi inspection this would provide an ideal opportunity for Ngāi Tahu representatives to discuss the available options with the LINZ contractor. This will also allow the benefit of Ngāi Tahu representatives seeing the practicalities of the Preliminary Proposal.

Since the Gorge Pastoral Lease is part of the maunga tūpuna, Ngāi Tahu seeks an access arrangement with the lessee, that is suitable for both the lessee and Ngāi Tahu. Although there is a legal road that runs along the western boundary of the Orari Pastoral Lease alongside the Orari River, this will only provide for access along the legal road.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly in (03) 371 0194.

Heoi anō



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Natural Resources Unit Project Co-ordinator

cc Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua  
Te Rūnanga o Waihao  
Mandy Waaka Homes  
John Wilkie

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<sup>1</sup> In the Ngāi Tahu takiwā 'ng' is replaced with a 'k'. Rakitata = Rangitata

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**THE GERALDINE TRAMPING CLUB,  
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GERALDINE,  
6April 2004.**

**BILL ROSS,  
SOUTHERN REGIONAL PROPERTY MANAGER,  
OPUS,  
CHRISTCHURCH.**

Dear sir,

**TENURE REVIEW, SCOTSBURN / THE GORGE PASTORAL LEASES.**

Further to our acceptance of your proposals on the above properties, we are now aware of recommendations put forward by L.I.N.Z. dated October 2003, which outline a greater area of land along the Scotsburn stream, to be set aside as Crown land, and also a public right-of-way, following what is termed, "The Scotsburn Track". (section 2.5, Land being disposed of subject to a protective mechanism in both property's LINZ reports). It is in this latter piece that the Club is most concerned, in that the track, thought to be used in the past by various groups, has been omitted in the OPUS proposals, and in light of which, we wish to revisit the Club's position on this review.

The Club considers that the public right-of-way must be included, to take advantage of the added scope of walking tracks in the Peel Forest Park, a popular and close destination for South Canterbury People. It would be more practical, that the track start at the end of Horsefall Rd. past the old Scotsburn homestead and on through and linking, CA1, CA2, CA3, areas to be set aside for conservation, then on to the ridge from X, on the X-Y line to complete a route to and from the Peel Range. Such a track need not necessarily be fenced, but must be well marked, with appropriate stiles. We are aware that farm operations need to be taken into account when using routes through farm property, so that such access should be in agreement with the owner, by some form of visible notice.

In view of this added information, we consider it necessary to put forward this recommendation, even though the acceptance date has past.

Yours faithfully,



F.D.Thomas,  
Tenure Review Committee.

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CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Bill,

**Tenure Review – The Gorge Pastoral Lease**

Thank you for forwarding information regarding the above tenure review. The Orari River Protection Group (Incorporated) is a newly incorporated society with a growing membership currently numbering over 60 members, the majority of whom live around the Orari River, in Peel Forest and Geraldine.

Our aim and objectives are:

*To protect the environmental and cultural integrity of the Orari River in its free-flowing state.*

- 1. To retain the gorge in its free-flowing state;*
- 2. To retain the integrity of the river hydrology;*
- 3. To maintain public access to the Orari River as an educational and recreational resource.*
- 4. To advocate for greater protection of the upper Orari River and catchment in District and Regional plans.*
- 5. To recognise the potential for over-allocation and advocate for the development of an Integrated Catchment Management plan.*

The tenure review on the Scotsburn leasehold property is therefore of interest to the Orari River Protection Group and has direct relevance to our stated aims. The Group was formulated as a response to proposed development in the lower gorge area. We believe that working towards the protection of the Orari River, and particularly the catchment of the upper Orari River, is vitally important in retaining the environmental integrity of the river system.

Our Group has enjoyed an open and positive relationship with the O'Carrolls. We would like to be sure that the process of tenure review respects the relationships our Group has

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with the O'Carrolls as we regard the maintenance of positive relationships important in any of our discussions with people living within the catchment.

Therefore we ask that the tenure review proactively continues to identify areas that are of importance to retaining the environmental and ecosystem integrity of the catchment within the Scotsburn lease. We understand, through personal knowledge and discussions with members of the community, that there are significant areas of ecological importance within this lease and we would like to think that their integrity would be maintained through this process. We would also like to ensure that the ecological integrity within the immediate vicinity of the Orari River is maintained and/or enhanced and that continued public access for recreational and educational purposes is maintained or further enhanced.

Our Group would be happy to engage in any open dialogue processes that would facilitate positive outcomes for our stated aim and objectives.

Please contact the coordinator, Debs Martin (03) 693-9811 or email: [debsmartin@paradise.net.nz](mailto:debsmartin@paradise.net.nz) if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,



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**per G.R.K. Hunter**

**SUBJECT Tenure Review**

**A Submission on the Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review of  
The Gorge Pastoral Lease is attached.**

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**A SUBMISSION FOR FMC ON THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR TENURE REVIEW OF THE GORGE PASTORAL LEASE**

**Our interest in this Tenure Review**

For more than 20 years FMC has campaigned for reformation of the pastoral lease system to allow farming where sustainable, the return of the bulk of the high land to the Public Estate and for secure public access to that land. We have no doubt that many of the wider public share our vision for the future of the South Island high country.

**Land to be returned to full Crown ownership and land to be transferred to freehold ownership**

We are in agreement with the proposals to transfer approximately 113 Ha to full Crown ownership and control and to transfer 762 Ha by way of freehold disposal to the lessee.

**Public Access**

The Government's objectives for the high country include the provision of secure public access but, despite a recommendation by the Department of Conservation to that effect in this case, no provision has been made for public access to the conservation land.

As you will be aware the Department of Conservation recommended public access from the Orari river road end to the proposed conservation land in the upper Scotsburn stream. The route was adjacent to the eastern boundary of the lease. This enabled public access from the Orari river to the south ridge of Little Mt. Peel.

The area of The Gorge and Scotsburn pastoral leases together has clearly been considered in providing access for vehicles for management purposes over the easement e – f in the Scotsburn lease and the contiguous easement a – b in the Gorge lease. Now that the Gorge preliminary proposal is available it is obvious that it would have been logical and sensible to have also provided public access to the conservation land along this route.

The omission to provide public access to the conservation land should be remedied.

For Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand [ Inc.]

  
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G.R.K. Hunter                      26 March 2004