

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: THE WOLDS

Lease number: PT 008

Fish & Game Report

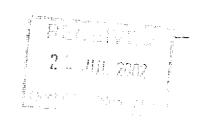
As part of the process of Tenure Review Fish & Game councils may provide advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease, and the information may be incorporated in the Conservation Resources Report. The advice is part of the information gathered and assessed for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.

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17 July 2002

Barry Dench QV Valuations PO Box 13-443 CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Barry

TENURE REVIEW - THE WOLDS

The following provides an assessment of the Fish and Game values associated with the The Wolds property.

- 1. The Tekapo River is one of the top, if not the best, self-sustaining trout fisheries in the Central South Island Region. It also provides an important gamebird hunting resource.
- 2. Irishman Creek and the Mary Burn are important trout fisheries. They provide wilderness angling and are important spawning tributaries of the Tekapo River system.
- 3. Lake Pukaki provides both sportsfishing and gamebird hunting opportunities.
- 4. Patersons Ponds provide angling opportunity and have been stocked with rainbow and brown trout. They also provide gamebird habitat and hunting opportunity. These ponds are well utilised by anglers and hunters.
- 5. The Mary Range provides habitat and hunting opportunity for the upland game bird:chukor.
- 6. The dam to the west of the Mary Range and located adjacent to the airstrip provides waterfowl habitat and hunting opportunity.
- 7. The Wolds Swamp has extensive sportsfish and gamebird resource values. These are outlined in the appended submission from the South Canterbury Acclimatisation Society objecting to applications for water rights to drain the Wolds Swamp.
- 8. We request that the following is negotiated through the tenure review process.
 - a) Retention of all legal roads including the public road adjacent to the Tekapo River.
 - b) Establishment of marginal strips alongside the Tekapo River where it bounds or is of marginal strips alongside the Tekapo River where it bounds or is within the property.
 - c) Vehicle access for anglers, hunters, and management purposes into Patersons Ponds from the road adjacent to the Tekapo River and from the canal road (see map).

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

- d) Access for anglers and management purposes to Irishman Creek from SH 8 along the legal road (see map).
- e) Marginal strips are laid off alongside Irishman Creek and the Mary Burn. If possible we request that these marginal strips are fenced to prevent stock access where this is a threat. Alternatively the marginal strips would be turned into covenants with conditions governing stock access. The reasoning for this request is outlined in the Fish and Game resources report for the Irishman Creek and Mary Burn properties (attached).
- f) Vehicle access for hunters along the top of the Mary Range to Mt Mary and from Mary Range to the dam as marked on the map.
- g) Vehicle access into the Mary Burn stream for angler and management purposes along the formed track from SH 8 as marked on the map.
- h) Vehicle access into the Wolds Swamp for hunters and management purposes along the formed track from SH 8 as marked on the map.
- i) The Wolds Swamp be retained in full crown ownership, fenced off and protected with a covenant.
- j) Marginal strip is laid off along the Pukaki lake front.
- k) Access for anglers and hunters to the Pukaki lake from Hayman Road.

Yours faithfully

Vaughan Lynn

Fish and Game Officer

