

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: WOODBANK**

**Lease number: SC 079**

### **Public submissions**

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

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Woodbank Tenure Review,

Dear Sir,

I have no argument against the proposal in this review.

Regards

*Geoff Clark*

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**FOREST  
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ROYAL FOREST AND  
BIRD PROTECTION  
SOCIETY OF  
NEW ZEALAND INC

20 February 2004

Q V Valuations  
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Attention: Barry Dench

Dear Barry

**Submission on Preliminary Tenure Review Proposal for Woodbank Pastoral Lease**

**Introduction**

The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society (Forest and Bird) is New Zealand's oldest and most active voluntary conservation organisation. Formed in 1923 the Society has around 38,000 members in 56 branches around New Zealand. This submission is on behalf of the Central Office. The Society's constitution requires it to:

*"take all reasonable steps within the power of the Society for the preservation and protection of indigenous flora and fauna and natural features of New Zealand for the benefit of the public including future generations."*

*"Protection of natural heritage includes indigenous forests, mountains, lakes, tussocklands, wetlands, coastline, marine areas, offshore islands and the plants and wildlife found in those areas."*

This submission is based on analysis of the "Summary of the Preliminary Proposal" prepared by Q. V. Valuations, the "Conservation Resources Report" prepared by the Department of Conservation and a site visit by Forest and Bird on 29 January 2004

**Proposed Conservation Areas CA 1 and CA 2**

CA 1 and CA 2 contain significant remnants of mountain beech forest, mixed broadleaf forest in the gullies and extensive blocks of regenerating kanuka shrublands over much of the area. On the higher slopes where exotic grasses do not dominate they also contain increasing amounts of fescue tussock, snow tussock and native herbs and shrubs as the altitude increases.

Grey Hill and the south faces overlooking the Waiau River dominate the landscape when viewed from State Highway Seven across the river. The addition of these blocks to the adjoining Hanmer Forest Park will protect the landscape values and provide potential for more easily accessible recreation opportunities in the area.

Forest and Bird supports the creation of the CA 1 and CA 2 conservation areas and agrees with proposed boundaries.

**Public Access**


Forest and Bird supports the creation of the proposed easement a-b-c-d to facilitate public access to the new conservation areas and the adjoining forest park, however we are concerned that access to the start of these easements at points b and c, and to other parts of CA 1 between V and W, is not secure. We note that separate negotiations are being undertaken outside the tenure review process to secure access across the freehold land that adjoins the lease to the south and is owned by the leaseholder. However if these negotiations are not successful practical public access up the Epsom valley to CA 1 will not be possible.

**Decisions Sought**

1. That the areas CA 1 and CA 2 be restored to full Crown ownership and control, as conservation areas as proposed.
2. That the easement a-b-c-d be created for public access as proposed.
3. That final agreement between the parties be dependent on securing public access across freehold land along the existing farm roads and tracks to Epsom River and the proposed new easements a-b-c-d and to a point on the CA 1 boundary between points V and W. Access should be for vehicles to the Grantham River and for foot and non-motorised vehicle beyond the river.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary proposal and congratulations on the notification of a proposal that in the main is successful in protecting significant inherent values and improving public access.

Yours faithfully



Tony Lockwood  
Field Officer

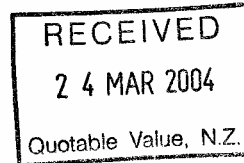
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18 March 2004

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**CHRISTCHURCH**



Dear Mr Dench

**RE: WOODBANK TENURE REVIEW**

Thank you for your public information report concerning the Preliminary Proposal for this lease.

Our chief concern is the need to obtain access to the land across land outside the area under review. We note that the Director-General of Conservation is dealing with this matter in a process outside of and running parallel to this tenure review. We support the purpose of those negotiations.

In other respects, the proposal is a good one. Mr. David Henson, who wrote our initial submission, will be writing to you also on behalf of the Christchurch Tramping Club.

Yours sincerely

**Barbara Marshall**  
**Secretary**

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Barry Dench  
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CHRISTCHURCH

Tēnā koe Barry

### Preliminary Proposal for Woodbank Pastoral Lease

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the relevant Papatipu Rūnanga; Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura have considered the information provided in the Woodbank Preliminary Proposal, and have the following comments:

#### Proposed Conservation Area (CA 1)

Ngāi Tahu supports the proposed Conservation Area.

#### Proposed Conservation Area (CA 2)

Ngāi Tahu supports the proposed Conservation Area.

#### Proposed Freehold Land

Ngāi Tahu supports the proposed freehold land outlined in The Woodbank Preliminary Proposal.

Heoi anō

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Natural Resources Unit Project Co-ordinator

cc Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura