

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : Sawdon

Lease number : PT 013

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.

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Dear Astrid

TENURE REVIEW- SAWDON STATION

This property includes the headwaters of Edward Stream, and Deadmans Creek. Both streams are tributaries of the Grays River.

The Grays River supports a popular trout fishery for which tributaries such as the Edward and Sawdon (including the lower reaches of Deadmans) contain sufficient flow throughout the winter to contribute some spawning habitat for the Grays River fishery.

Neither stream is noted for its angling. Generally during the angling season there is insufficient water to provide any adult fish habitat.

Therefore any interests that Fish and Game has in respect of this property are solely related to water quality and while the existing use continues there is little reason for concern. Were the use to change to include intensified cattle grazing the likely resultant changes to natural water quality would be of concern.

Provisions

Fish and Game seeks a provision for a marginal strip along Edward Stream. We see no need for such a strip on Deadmans Creek.

As for Edwards Stream, we see such a strip as necessary to protect water quality in future, as opposed to providing public foot access.

Yours faithfully



Frank Scarf
Fish and Game Officer

