

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: HUNTER HILLS

Lease number: PT 082

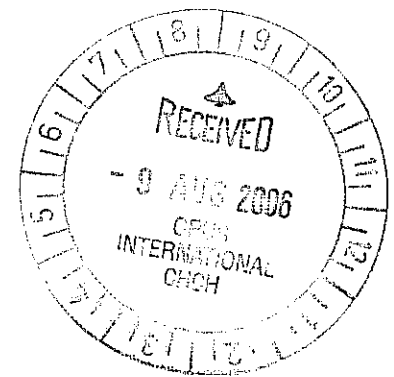
Fish & Game Report

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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FISH AND GAME RESOURCES REPORT FOR HUNTER HILLS

The Hunter Hills property is situated on Hakataramea Downs Road approximately 45 km north east of Kurow and encompasses an area of 2688 hectares.

The area on the true left of the Hakataramea Valley is dry and well suited for populations of upland gamebirds. Californian quail utilise suitable habitat on the lower slopes extending to and in places overlapping with chukor habitat found on the upper slopes.

Chukor have been located up to an altitude of about 2000 metres. In recent times, since the introduction of the rabbit control virus RCD, upland gamebird populations that have been suppressed by the spread of 1080 poison baits, have enjoyed a non toxic environment.

Where the virus has been successful landowners and hunters report increased populations of both chukor and quail/. There has been a significant increase in hunter activity due to the downturn in aerial poison drops.

Hunter Hills is bisected by several small streams which tend to be steep and rocky in nature. The sportsfish species of the Hakataramea River, brown and rainbow trout and Chinook salmon will use the larger tributaries as spawning waters when flows are adequate and where passage is available. Suitable conditions can occur in the very lower reaches of the tributaries, however in general these criteria do not apply to the true right inflows of the Hakataramea Valley. The tributaries do however provide a valuable contribution to the Hakataramea River which suffers extreme low flows most years.

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As with many properties in the Valley access is available with landowner permission. Fish and Game advocate the retention of any legal road and note there does not appear to be any public access to the Conservation Estate through the property. This should be addressed via this process.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Z Pringle', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

B Z Pringle
Resource Officer