

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: KAIWARUA

Lease number: PT 114

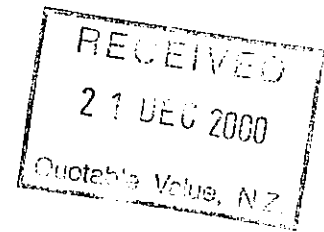
Fish & Game Report

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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TENURE REVIEW - KAIWARUA

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Games interest in relation to Kaiwarua.

1. The North Branch Waihao River along the margin of the property provides a scenic wilderness fishery. It also provides good spawning and juvenile rearing habitat. A feature of this section of river is the bedrock forming a very stable bed and an abundance of invertebrates. Along with brown trout and their redds Fish and Game have noted the presence of the common river galaxid, upland bully and common bully.
2. The Otaio River supports a wilderness brown trout fishery in the upper reaches with good pools holding the larger fish. Spawning is also likely to occur in the upper reaches as well and is important as it sustains the lower river fishery.

Results from a 1990 angler survey indicated that 38% of respondents had a contribution to make in support of the Otaio River trout fishery with regard to water abstraction. The Otaio River upstream of the gorge is a recognised trout fishery and has the most important value of this river as the lower reaches go dry due to abstraction.

3. The above mentioned rivers provide habitat for waterfowl such as mallard ducks and paradise shelducks.
4. Continued access to the North Branch Waihao River and Otaio River wilderness fisheries is important. In this regard Fish and Game request that the following be included in the tenure review.

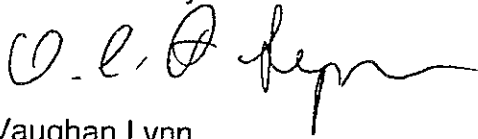
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- ✓ a) Marginal strips along the North Branch Wiahao River and Otaio River in the vicinity of the property and its margins.
- ✓ b) Vehicle access through the southern property block to the bridge over the North Branch Waihao River.
- ✓ → c) Foot or vehicle access to the North Branch Waihao River in the vicinity or map reference J39:373225.
- ✓ d) Foot access to the Otaio River over the property preferably near to map reference J39:435255.

Yours faithfully



Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer