

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MT CECIL

Lease number: PT 078

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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Dear Mike

TENURE REVIEW – MT CECILE

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game's interest in relation to Mt Cecile.

1. The North Branch Waihao River along the western margin of the property provides a wilderness fishery with scenic and solitude values. It provides suitable spawning and juvenile rearing habitat. Bedrock features in this section of the river providing a very stable bed and habitat for an abundance of aquatic invertebrates. Aside from brown trout and their redds Fish and Game have observed galaxids, bullies and eels.

Results from the 1994-1996 National Angler Survey indicate that approximately 640 angler days are spent on the Waihao River each season.

2. Access to the North Branch Waihao River wilderness fishery is important. With this in regard Fish and Game request that the following be included in the tenure review.
 - a) Marginal strips along the North Branch Waihao River
 - b) If possible angler access to the North Branch Waihao River
 - c) If possible access to the North Branch Waihao River for management purposes.
 - d) Retention of any legal roads that facilitate the provision of access requested in b & c.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Lynn'.

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Fish and Game Officer

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

Central South Island Region