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Lease number: 00 090

Public Submissions - Part 2

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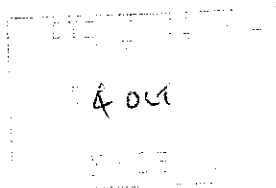
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**OTAGO CONSERVATION BOARD**

Our ref: SBC-08-34

20 October 2006

Commissioner of Crown Lands
c/- DTZ New Zealand Ltd
Land Resources Division
Box 27
ALEXANDRA



Dear Sir

SUBMISSION ON TENURE REVIEW OF MT IDA SYNDICATE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Proposal for the tenure review of the Mt Ida Syndicate.

The Otago Conservation Board supports the retention of this property in full Crown ownership and control and its proposed designation as a conservation area.

The board is interested in the positive and negative aspects of any future grazing on this property. It will be consulted if the Department of Conservation handles any application for this activity, and it asks to be consulted if some other agency investigates the option of future grazing.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on this proposal and we are willing to elaborate on any of the issues we have raised.

Yours faithfully

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Hoani Langsbury
Acting Chairperson

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24/10/06

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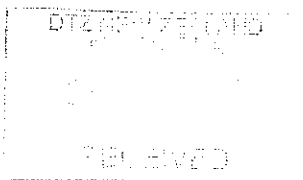
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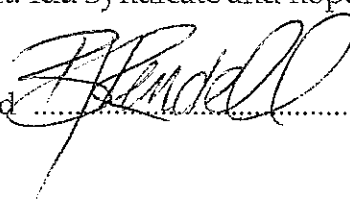
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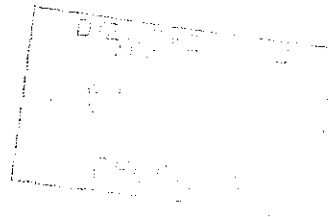
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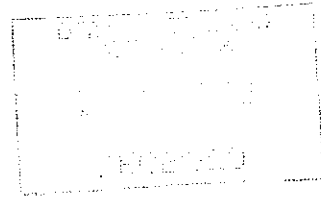
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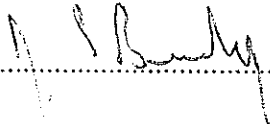
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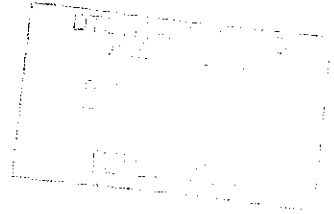
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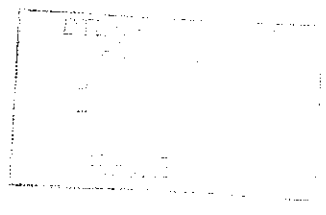
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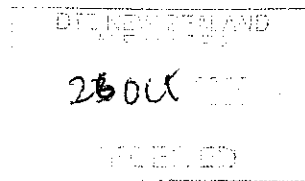
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Dear Sir

Submission re Review Part Run 362B and 362C Mt Buster Survey District of 8401 ha

I make this submission, unsolicited by anyone. I have been over the run with a Lions tour and the Cavalcade, some of the many opportunities made available to people to view this area.

I am a Catholic Priest of 42 years experience including 11 years in the Maniototo. Myself and the Reverends Judge were the ministers here during the '98-'99 drought and were acutely aware of the stress endured by all farmers in the area. Many only just retained their emotional stability and their farms because of the availability of summer grazing, that runs such as this provide.

While farmers in the Maniototo do stock for dry conditions, it is necessary that their sheep are able to be provided for during parts of the summer when the land really dries off, but excessively dry years put extra stress on farmers in this area and the run-lands are a very necessary safety valve.

While the flora and fauna of the area are extremely important and the grazers have been very concerned for their conservation, which I feel they have managed well to date, surely the well being of people must be of primary concern. The continued viability of these farms and their value to the country is also extremely important.

Yours truly,

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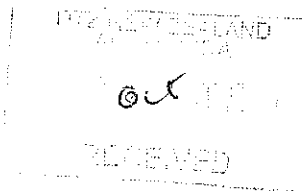
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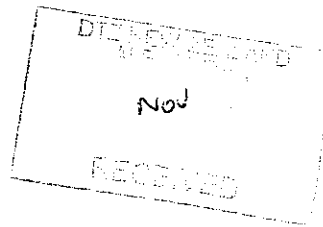
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Dear Sir,

I am of the opinion that there is no reason why the Commissioner of Crown Lands should not renew the occupational license for the area of land known as the Mt Ida Syndicate and leave these runs in the administration of the present licensees.

The current administration allows for controlled and safe hunting by recreational hunters to control the feral animals that are about in this entire district and this is at no cost to anyone other than the private hunter, unlike a Department of Conservation controlled cull with helicopters, etc at tax payer's expense.

This would be the result, because DOC's management answer is a padlock on the gates to prohibit entry of the four wheel drive vehicles of the private hunter or driver.

Ongoing continual and steady hunting by the private sector must be better for the flora and fauna than aerial culling when the situation has got out of control and the native landscape has been turned upside down by wild pigs, not to mention the devastation that this would do to the native flora and fauna.

It's all very well quoting fancy names for the flora that abound in this area, but the facts remain that these farmers and those that farmed this land before them are/were all conservationists for more than one hundred years as the present condition is testament to this. The same applies to the native fauna on these runs.

The current licensee's allow the public access in a controlled manner to traverse over this land by using the farm roads provided, whether this is by vehicle or horse etc. This remote area can only be traversed by four wheel drive if the visitor has only a day to do this. The motor vehicle is the only means of transport that the old and infirm can use to experience this area of our country. Handing over control to the Department of Conservation will be totally detrimental for the majority of people that would like to visit this area. It is not an area of our country that should only be set aside for those that are super fit for biking or tramping, etc. Leave this land in the hands of the present licensee's and all will be able to experience it if they so wish. They only have to ask as has been the case to date.

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Mt Ida Syndicate is now one of the last of these historic runs. Is its man made history such as the Wire Yards Hut, packed in over the top of the Hawkdun in 1934 and said to be the highest musterers' hut in the country at 5000 ft [or in modern terms 1525 metres] and also what is now affectionately known as "Inders Castle" or as it was in times long past, the Ida Valley Railway Station, also to be dealt with in the same manner?

Are these and other historic station artifacts to be clear felled in DOC's relentless pursuit to put this and all the other land that they seem to get their hands on back to the virgin country that it once was before white man even walked about on it? This is apart from the existing farm roads that are on the runs that DOC already do and will use for their own selfish pursuit once in their control while others such as the visiting public wanting to travel in their 4WD will not be allowed at all.

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Yours faithfully

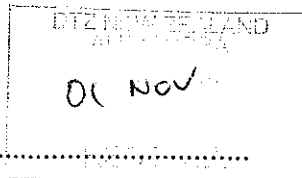
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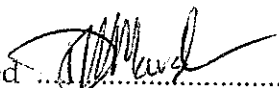
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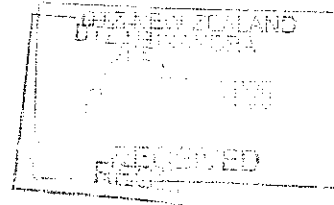
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To
Review of Other Crown Land
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Mt Ida Syndicate



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Submitter:

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Manager of the Royal Albatross Colony Visitor Centre
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My interest in the Mt Ida Syndicate stems from a family association dating back 132 years when my Great Grandfather purchased the land as a Director of the Mount Ida Pastoral Investment Company. Since 1897 my family has had a continuous association with Run 362B as shareholder of an Occupational Grazing License.

As a young man I mustered Run 362B and I worked on the construction of the access road. I have also enjoyed fishing and hunting on this land.

Through my wife's family our children are 7th Generation Ngati Irarimu a Hapu of Ngai Tahu and thus have spiritual attachment to this land.

Summary:

Having studied the Preliminary Proposal, I can find no logical reason for the writer's conclusion.

It is contrary to the body of the proposal.

I therefore oppose the proposal that the land be designated as Conservation Area.

Submission:

The proposal explains in some detail how objects of Part 3 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 must be taken into consideration, along with the objects set out in section 83.

Although the proposal acknowledges that the term 'ecologically sustainable' is not defined in the CPL Act, it seeks to then compare how the objects of section 83 would be best catered for, by the retention of the land in full Crown Ownership.
One assumes that this is as opposed to an Occupational Grazing License.

This is where the writer slips in the concept that Crown Ownership as Conservation Area or Reserve.

I have no issue with Crown Ownership. After all the land is currently in Crown Ownership.

What I do take issue with is the proposal to change Crown Ownership from Occupational Licence to Conservation Reserve without, good logical reasoning or due consultation.

All the benefits/advantages outlined in the proposal, from changing to Conservation Reserve status, are already available under the current tenure.

The Proposal identifies many species of fauna and flora along with many areas of 'significant inherent value', on Run 362B. The fact that these are still there is the greatest testimony to the husbandry of this land by the licensees over the past 110 years.

Section 4. Discussion of proposed designation in relation to the objects of Part s CPL Act.

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Conclusion:

- Any benefits/advantages from the proposals in this Review are already available without changing the designation to Conservation Reserve. For example; Preservation of fauna and flora, preservation of areas of significant inherent value and access by the public.
- The Licensees currently pay both Rent for the Lease and Local Authority Rates.
The Department of Conservation does not pay rates.
- The process of Review of Other Crown Land, Pastoral Occupational License, as set out in the Crown Pastoral land Act 1998, in this case seems not to have been followed or actively avoided.

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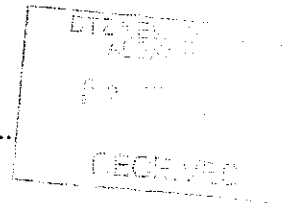
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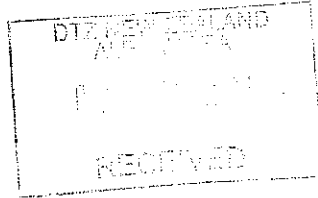
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Dear Commissioner,

**Subject: Land Tenure Review of the Mt Ida Syndicate Block
Part Run 362B and Run 362C Mount Buster Survey District**

I wish to make a submission to the Land Tenure Review of the Mt Ida Syndicate Block Pastoral Occupation License.

I would appreciate it if you would take into account the following points offered from my own observations and experiences, and include them in your considerations.

My submission refers to the following:

This submission will argue that the objectives of the review process are being met by the current lease arrangements.

It will also put forward the case that the Mt Ida Syndicate has proven that it can manage the land adequately and that the public will be better served by renewing the Mt Ida Block Pastoral Occupational License and working with the Syndicate to achieve the objectives of both the Review and the Department of Conservation.

Finally, this submission will suggest that the review of the Mt Ida Syndicate Block POL offers a unique opportunity for all Government Agencies to demonstrate that the objectives of review can be met under the current license in a manner that avoids the many negatives experienced with recent tenure reviews.

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Introduction

My Name is Ray Stone
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I am willing to speak to this submission if required.

My interest is researching the history of European settlement of New Zealand – in particular the early stock, pioneer and gold miner's routes that enabled the development of many parts of New Zealand. Many of these areas are now historic locations, and these routes are part of our heritage.

In following this interest it is frequently necessary to access historic routes and sites on both public and private, including leasehold, land.

Every perceived problem has a solution and I am happy to take part in any discussions, or expand on the following points if required.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Mt Ida Syndicate (the Syndicate) has held the lease for the Mt Ida Syndicate Block (the Block) since 1897, although ancestors of member families of the Syndicate have held grazing rights on this land since 1875.
- 1.2 Such a long standing common thread of ownership makes the Mt Ida Pastoral Lease almost unique in the history of high country custodianship, making it an important part of our New Zealand heritage.
- 1.3 During that time the Syndicate has been generous in providing managed public access, including horse, vehicle and foot.
- 1.4 The Syndicate has a proud history of caring for the land, (ref. LINZ statements and those of many DoC field officers) providing responsible and sustainable environmental management alongside prudent farming practice.
- 1.5 Since 1897 this Block has been an important part of the economics of five "home" stations on the Maniototo Plains, providing summer run off enabling the lower "winter" country to be rested.
- 1.6 Loss of the Mt Ida block as summer run off will force a re-look at the economics of farming of five "home" farms on the plains and may result in a change of land use.

2. Objectives of the Review.

- 2.1 The objectives of this Occupational License Review, as set out in DTZ 'Review of Other Crown Land, Public Information, Part 3, is as follows (abbreviated):
 - a) Promote the management of Crown Land in a way that is ecologically sustainable ...
 - b) To enable the protection of significant inherent values of Crown Land ...
 - c) i) The securing of public access ... etc.

and to provide land to be designated as a conservation area. (Ref. DTZ New Zealand)

3. Ecologically Sustainable Management

3.1 Over the years, a number of officers from the Department of Conservation have visited the block. All have commented favorably on the diversity of fauna identified in the area

3.2 DTZ New Zealand comment as follows (extracts only):

"A significant range of inherent values are represented... A special feature is that this landscape is intact with a coherence of indigenous landscape components... a range of vegetation types occur across the altitude range. This includes montane shrublands, short tussock grasslands, narrow leaved snow tussock grasslands, alpine bogs, slim tussock grasslands, alpine cushion and fellfield and exposed scree slopes.... Within this range are three uncommon plant communities including ... etc.

This DTZ report goes on to record that the New Zealand Falcon, a category B threatened species, and a genetically distinct scree skink are also present, suggesting that further survey work will reveal further populations of skink due to the extensive suitable habitat in the area.

3.3 It is clear that for over 100 years the Syndicate has been managing this unique country with a great deal of sensitivity and with a high level of ecologically sustainable management.

4. Public Access.

4.1 The Syndicate has always been generous in providing controlled and managed public access to the Block, including horse, vehicle and foot access.

4.2 DTNZ report 'Summary of Preliminary Proposal', section 4, suggests that that access may be restricted under DoC management.

4.3 Contrary to review objectives, reduced and/or restricted public access to high country land has been the outcome of a number of high country reviews following transfers of land to the Department of Conservation.

4.4 Public access requires management, including maintenance of tracks, and the Syndicate has demonstrated that they are capable of managing access in a responsible manner to ensure minimum environmental impact.

4.5 Responsible management of access means that it is reasonable that access is permitted only to responsible persons to ensure minimum impact on the environment.

5. Preservation of Heritage

5.1 The Department of Conservation is charged with the responsibility of protecting our heritage for all New Zealanders.

5.2 The process of Tenure Review generally, and in this specific case that of the Syndicate Block, is threatening to damage or destroy an important part of our European heritage.

5.3 Tenure review is artificially forcing changing land use, and/or inappropriately intensive farming practices, both of which threaten to destroy our heritage.

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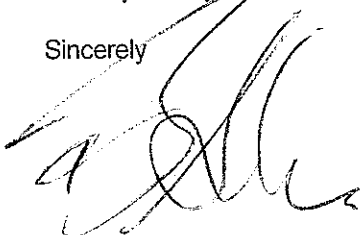
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- 6.3 The custodianship provided by the Syndicate for over 100 years has provided ecologically sustainable management practices as confirmed by many surveys and reports. Ecologically sustainable management is an objective of Tenure Review. Review is therefore unnecessary to achieve this objective.
- 6.4 Inclusion of the runs 362B and 362C as an integral part of the Department of Conservation's proposal to create a conservation area is possible under the current custodianship and it is therefore unnecessary to change the designation of the block by means of review to achieve this objective.

7. There are better ways

- 7.1 There are better ways to achieve the objectives of Tenure review – a process that is expensive, does not achieve the stated objectives, and which is threatening to destroy our heritage.
- 7.2 The Mt Ida Syndicate block offers a unique opportunity for Government to illustrate that the objectives of Tenure Review (access and ecology) can be achieved without the negative flow-on effects of the review process.
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- 7.4 The present Pastoral Occupation License has provided public access and ecologically sustainable land management, as well as payments of rental as income to the Crown ...
- 7.5 ... while the proposed lapsing of this license will incur considerable costs in compensation, as well as ongoing management and maintenance costs for the DoC proposed Conservation Park.
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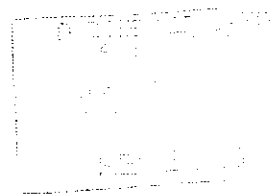
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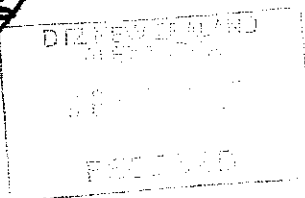
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