

## **Crown Pastoral Land Other Crown Land**

**Lease name: MT IDA**

**Lease number: 00 090**

## **Public Submissions - Part 3**

These submissions were received as a result of the public advertising of the Preliminary Proposal.

**July**

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 Date ..... 24-10-06 .....

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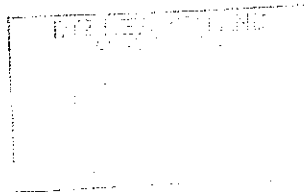
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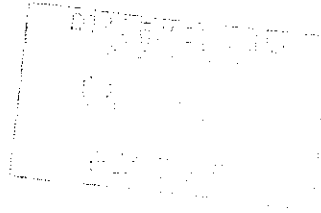
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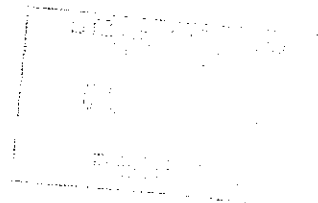
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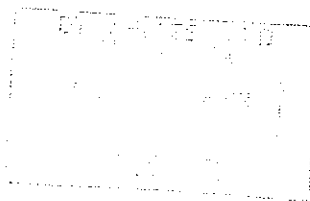
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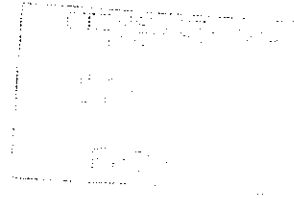
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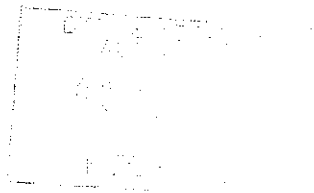
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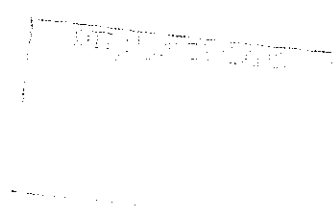
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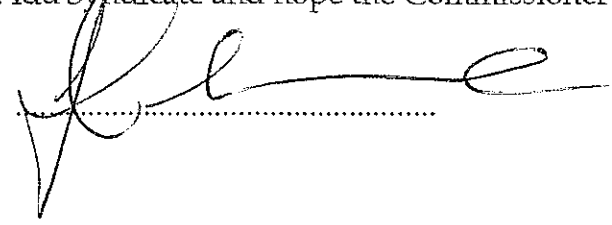
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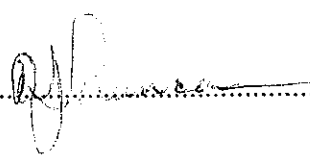
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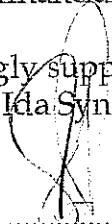
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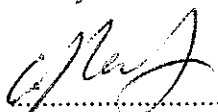
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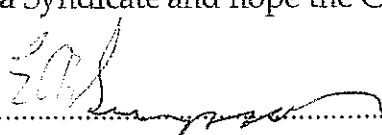
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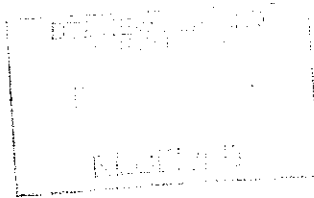
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ROYAL FOREST AND  
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SOCIETY OF  
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Dear Sir

**Review of other Crown Land**

**Preliminary Proposal - Oo090 Mt Ida Syndicate**

We thank you for sending us a copy of this proposal. As a big proportion of the "Uplands" in our Upper Clutha district is pastoral land still under lease or licence, we in our branch of the Society are very conscious of the importance, and have some knowledge of, the Tenure Review process. Our branch has a membership of approximately 150 members and the Society as a whole has a large membership and is well known for its work in protecting the environment throughout New Zealand.

We fully support the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 and also very importantly the complementary objectives to that act announced last year. (Please refer to EDC Min 5/3; CAB Min (03) 11/5) These objectives are:-

- To promote the management of the Crown's high Country in a way that is ecologically sustainable.
- To promote the significant inherent values of reviewable land by the creation of protective mechanisms; or preferably, by the restoration of the land concerned to full Crown ownership and control.
- To secure public access to and enjoyment of high country land for the public to enjoy.
- To ensure that conservation outcomes for the high country are consistent with the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy.
- To progressively establish a network of parks and reserves.

We note that this review is being conducted under Part 3 of the Act Sec 83

**General.**

We have studied the Conservation Resources Reports, we visited the property with the High Country Committee Federated Farmers on their Annual Field Day in 2001, and have more recently flown over the area. We have also read the book "Beyond the Buster" describing the history of the Mt Ida Syndicate over 100 years.

We would be pleased if you would accept this submission on the Preliminary Proposal.

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When the historical background of this property is looked at, and taken in context with New Zealand's pastoral farming history, it is a natural outcome that Mt Ida remain under Crown Control.

In the days of Provincial Government some very large pastoral properties were established and some land was farmed that in hind sight and with the knowledge we have today should never have been farmed. The Tenure Review process is the opportunity to correct some of the mistakes that were made in the past yet without the farmers on leasehold land coming to any undue harm as if in the process they are properly recompensed .

This review of Mt Ida is different from most others we have been involved as it concerns a pastoral licence, which has limitations in that there is no guaranteed right of renewal. The farmers who hold the licence have been grazing this property on and off for many years. If they have built the management of their flocks and their other properties around the use of it, that has been entirely their choice.

Tenure review of Crown pastoral land is not new, it has been going on for more than 100 years in one form or another. At the end of the nineteenth century when Central Government came into being a Lands Department was established . The aim then was to settle as many farmers as possible on the land by way of leasing the land to them, instead of settlers spending what money they had on land itself; they could put that money to better use in stock and plant. The catch cry was "Land for the People".

With the knowledge that was available then land was leased for extensive grazing and also in the hope that it could perhaps be made available for closer settlement when required later on. This did happen after the First World when large blocks of land were resumed, or purchased, by the Crown and cut up for soldier settlement, e.g. Galloway, Benmore and Teviot. So too after the Second World war, and later for civilian settlement: when Black Rock, Hindon, Waipori and all the Te Anau Basin were developed for closer settlement.

For the "nation as a whole" it is fortunate that large areas of our land was leased and managed in this way as it now allows, after tenure review, the establishment of national parks and conservation areas to meet the public need in a more modern world; even though mostly on the higher uplands of the South Island. Also, land that has little expectation of being managed in an ecologically sustainable manner yet has significant inherent values and much unique biodiversity, is now able to be protected.

National parks were not thought of in the late Nineteenth Century until Yellowstone National Park in the USA came into being. When Te Heu Heu gave Mt Tongariro to the nation, and as it was not considered suitable for farming, it became a national park. Mt Egmont came next and others followed.

*The licence in its various forms which has been issued for grazing on Runs 362B and 362C for over a 100 years is all part of New Zealand,s farming evolution.*

**The Proposed Designation.**

*An area of approximately 8401 ha to be retained in full Crown ownership and control as a conservation area.*

Bearing in mind the history of this property and New Zealand pastoral farming as a whole, we comment:

- The Conservation Resources Reports point out the considerable number of threatened species of fauna and flora present on Mt Ida. We believe these reports to be a true picture of what is present, and what is likely to happen to them. We ourselves will not presume to have more knowledge of them. Every opportunity should be taken to protect these tussock lands and their ecosystems.
- We can but endorse the remarks in the reports and comments made regarding the mainly tussock landscape, its remoteness and its importance.
- The very centre of the plateau has already been identified as a area to be protected; RAP 10 The Plateau, this should be heeded in every respect.
- It will allow greater freedom of access for the public to enjoy, nature appreciation, walking, cross-country skiing, photography and above all a sense of isolation on a vast upland plateau.
- When we consider the ecological sustainability of this property we must remember that the eco-system which has been developed under a grazing regime is not the original ecosystem of the 1880s. Over the years stock have built their own sheep camps and there is considerable transference of fertility to these camps, so too is the over-grazing of favoured sunny faces and the tramping of the wetter areas, to their detriment.
- Mt Ida is the heart of the high plateau country between the Clutha Catchment and the Waitaki catchment and will form the centre of the proposed Oteake Conservation Park, one of the Six Pack of Parks the Government is proposing.
- To the west on the crest of the Hawkdun Range and to the south there is already a considerable area of land secured out of tenure review for the establishment of the park. Mt Ida is the very important centre to this area.

*We see this is an excellent proposal and see it as the only possible outcome for this property on the high plateau country of the Hawkdun Range and we fully support the Department of Conservation's recommendation that it be designated a Conservation Area.*

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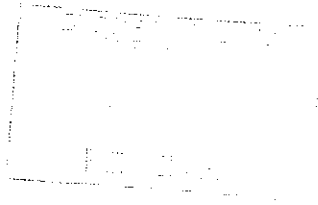
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Yours faithfully

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JL Turnbull  
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Southern Trail Blazers 4WD Club Inc.  
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Dear Sir,

Submission on the Mt. Ida Syndicate Review of Other Crown Land on behalf of the Southern Trail Blazers, a four wheel drive club based in the Gore and Eastern Southland area. The Club has a membership of 93 most of which are couples or families.

The issue of access and in particular vehicle access is our primary interest. We want to enjoy our choice of recreation and to be able to continue to visit our wonderful high country. In regard to Mt. Ida we have found the access situation to be excellent and the Licence holders helpful. To be able to use the Licensee's tracks and huts has opened up an amazing part of the country to us. On a recent trip through part of the property we did not consider the standard of the tracks to have deteriorated. We were also pleased to note the absence of gorse, broom and wilding trees.

As the proposal says, the area is highly valued for recreational users. It is being used by self contained groups or individuals and by fundraising trips run by local service groups, which the Licence holders often help to run.

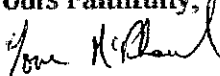
We also think more importance should be put on the history of economic use. As stated in the proposal it contributes to the downland properties of the licensees. The rush to form conservation parks by the Department of Conservation (DoC) disregards past traditions, where local people with an emotional attachment to the high country, manage the land, and welcome visitors who share their love of that country. Many of us think of this traditional high country culture as part of our Kiwi heritage. This was summed up in the Country Calender program on the Mt Ida autumn muster a few years ago.

We do not deny that DoC has an important role in conservation and recreation, but we have concerns about it controlling more and more land. As a Government Department it brings a different culture to the management of the high country. Decisions are sometimes based on ideology and there is a lack of flexibility. As 4WD'ers we fear that under DoC a total ban on vehicle access can be imposed on areas, where in the past, conditional access has been available courtesy of run holders.

We wish to see some land remain with run holders, to retain the traditional high country way of life, the merino sheep, the historic musterers huts, and the people themselves, things that are unique New Zealand features.

As stated earlier, our main interest is in vehicle access and this forms the basis of our submission. However high country land is increasingly being valued for its conservation values and this forms a large part of the review. We note that the past grazing has not damaged the eco-systems nor detracted from the inherent values and that grazing may need to be used in the future. Conservation and biodiversity are becoming mainstream issues and future management of the area by the Licence holders is sure to reflect this. There are also other ways (eg. the QEII Trust) to protect areas of high conservation value. It should be noted that the fact that so much of the NZ high country is proving to be in good condition, points to the past management being largely sustainable.

We submit that the land remain with the Mt. Ida Syndicate and not be designated as a conservation area.

Yours Faithfully,  


Tom McPhail,  
For Southern Trail Blazers 4WD Club Inc.

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MT IDA SYNDICATE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL REVIEW SUBMISSION

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SUBMIT AN OBJECTION TO YOUR PROPOSAL FOR FULL CROWN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THIS LAND. IT SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF (PREFERABLY AS FEE SIMPLE) IN FAVOUR OF THE PRESENT HOLDERS TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE GRAZING CAN BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AS BEFORE. FURTHERMORE THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE CONSIDERED:

**(Legal Description of land concerned: Part Run 362B and Run 362C Mount Buster Survey District comprising 8401.2739ha.**

**General description of proposal: 8401ha (approximately) to be designated as land to be retained as land in full Crown ownership and control as a conservation area pursuant to Section 86(5)(a)(i) Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998. )**

IN OBJECTING TO THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL WE NOTE THE MANY POSITIVE POINTS MADE IN FAVOUR OF THE PRESENT HOLDERS OF THE MT IDA SYNDICATE OCCUPATION LICENCE WHEN REFERRING TO ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT (ie Part 3 of CPA - Object(a)) THE REPORT SAYS "BOTH OPTIONS (Crown Control or Special Lease or Fee Simple Title) COULD POTENTIALLY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT," AND WHEN LOOKING AT THE PROTECTION OF SIGNIFICANT INHERENT VALUES THE REPORT STATES THAT "PROTECTION COULD ALSO (AS WELL AS THE OPTION OF CROWN OWNERSHIP AS CONSERVATION LAND) BE AFFORDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CONTINUANCE OF GRAZING." WHILE THE CROWN HAS SIGNALLED ITS PREFERENCE REGARDING SIV PROTECTION - GIVEN THAT THE PRESENT QUALITY OF SIV'S IS VERY HIGH - THAN THE MANAGEMENT THAT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR 109 YEARS IS THE BEST OPTION. TRANSFORMING THIS LAND TO CROWN (DOC) WILL LIKELY RESULT IN SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO THE EXISTING SIV'S - INCLUDING REPAIRS PRESENTLY THERE. SECURING OF PUBLIC ACCESS WOULD ONLY BE SLIGHTLY CONSTRAINED UNDER A CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING MANAGEMENT. USE OF EXISTING LAND TRACKS BY 4WD VEHICLES WILL NOT DAMAGE THIS AREA - IT WILL ENSURE GREATER / NOT LESS ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AND FOR FISHERMEN. IT IS NOT PRACTICAL TO REMOVE THE CURRENT VEHICLE ACCESS SO IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED. REPORTS I HAVE HEARD OFFER NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR THE ACCESS PROVIDED BY THE HOLDERS. I UNDERSTAND DEPT OF CONSERVATION WANT TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO THIS AREA TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN THE HOLDERS. THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA TO THE HOLDERS IS RECOGNISED IN THE REPORT AS IT "CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DOWN LAND PROPERTIES WITH WHICH IT IS ASSOCIATED. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT POINT. IT IS UNREASONABLE - GIVEN 109 YEARS OF RESPONSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT - TO EVICT THE HOLDERS OF THIS LICENCE ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS ALONE. IN THIS CASE THE EXPECTATION

THAT SIV VALUES WILL BE BETTER PROTECTED BY CROWN (DOC) CONTROL IS UNPROVEN  
RELEASED UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT  
COMPARED TO THE HOLDERS 109 YEAR RECORD. THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS

CAN HAVE SOME SURETY THEREFORE THAT SIV'S WILL AT LEAST BE MAINTAINED  
(AND PROBABLY FURTHER ENHANCED) BY THE PRESENT HOLDERS CONTINUING MANAGEMENT.

BY COMPARISON DOC'S ABILITY TO PRESERVE THESE SAME VALUES IS LESS CERTAIN  
GIVEN THAT THEY SEEM A CHANGE IN THIS LANDSCAPE. WITH SOME PRUDENCE, AND GIVEN  
THAT AN ADJOINING AREA IS LIKELY TO PASS TO CROWN MANAGEMENT, THE COMMISSIONER

WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS AND ENSURE THAT BOTH SIDE-BY-SIDE MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS DELIVER SIV PROTECTION AND OTHER GOALS. IN FACT VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE  
MT IDA SYNDICATE WILL ENHANCE ACCESSABILITY TO THE POTENTIAL DOC AREA. WE ARE

HOWEVER ADVISED THAT DOC PERSONNEL DO NOT RELISH THE THOUGHT OF HAVING THEIR  
MANAGEMENT DIRECTLY COMPARED TO THAT OF THE MT IDA SYNDICATE AS THE LOSS OF  
SOME SIV'S UNDER DOC CONTROL MAY RECEIVE ADVERSE PUBLICITY COMPARED TO ANY POTENTIAL

GAINS THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE. GIVEN THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA TO THE  
HOLDERS ~~WE~~ RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT MANAGEMENT BY THE PRESENT HOLDERS (109 YEARS) POSSES  
AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF RISK TO ANY SIV'S. THE REPORT STATES "THE AREA HAS A LONG

HISTORY OF GRAZING AND OBSERVATIONS OVER A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS INDICATE TO ME THAT  
GRAZING HAS CONTINUED IN A MANNER WHICH IS MORE OR LESS ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE, AS  
EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT THE TUSSECK AND SHRUB-LAND ECOSYSTEMS EXIST IN THEIR

CURRENT STATE". FEEDBACK WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS THAT THEY  
GREATLY VALUE AND APPRECIATE THE MT IDA SYNDICATE AS IT IS. MANY HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE  
OF THE GENEROUS ACCESS PROVISIONS AFFORDED THEM BY THE HOLDERS AND EXPRESS A SENSE

OF OWNERSHIP. IN OTHER WORDS WITH ACCESS THEY FEEL IT IS THEIR PLACE TOO. THEY DO  
NOT WANT VEHICLE ACCESS REMOVED AND NOR DO THEY WANT THE LANDSCAPE CHANGED. BY  
CONTRAST THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION INDICATES THEY WANT TO REMOVE BROWSING ANIMALS

AND ALLOW THE LAND "TO REVERT TO A MORE NATURAL STATE". PRESUMABLY THIS MEANS A  
GREATER PERCENTAGE OF TALLER TUSSECK EVIDENT BUT MAY ALSO MEAN A MUCH GREATER ABILITY  
FOR WEEDS (ESPECIALLY BROOM) TO ESTABLISH. THE LOCAL COMMUNITY APPRECIATE AND USE THE

PRESENT SIV'S AND WANT NO CHANGE TO THEM OR TO THEIR ACCESS TO ENJOY THEM. THEY SAY THEY  
WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE <sup>ECONOMIC</sup> BENEFIT VIA THE PRESENT HOLDERS USE THAN PAY TAXES THAT IN TURN  
ARE USED TO MANAGE MT IDA SYNDICATE. WE SUBMIT THAT THE PROPOSAL BE REJECTED AND THAT

THE HOLDERS BE GRANTED FREE SIMPLE TITLE (OR AT LEAST A PASTORAL LEASE) AS AN INCENTIVE TO  
CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATELY CONTINUE TO MANAGE THIS AREA."

D. J. O'Connell