

Crown Pastoral Land Other Crown Land

Lease name: MT IDA

Lease number: 00 090

Public Submissions - Part 6

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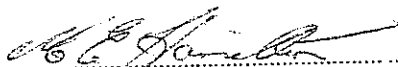
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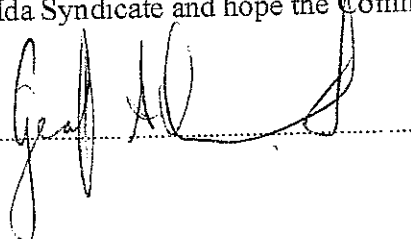
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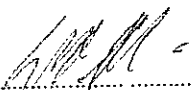
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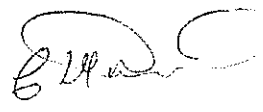
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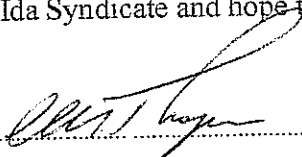
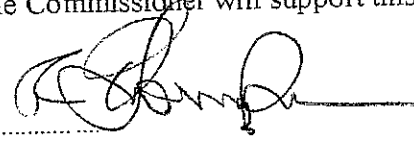
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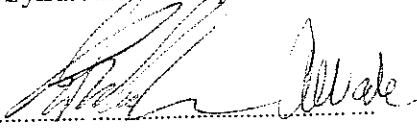
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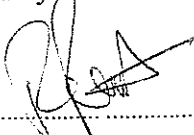
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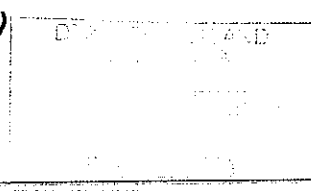
From: Joan Luhrs [joanluhrs@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Sunday, 12 November 2006 2:57 p.m.
To: Alexandra
Subject: Mt Ida Syndicate of other Crown Land.

The Manager DTZ.

In the autumn of 2005 I was privileged to be taken over the Mt Ida Run-off which is farmed by the syndicate of ten Maniototo farmers. Having spent part of my youth in the Central Otago area, I was really impressed by the very good condition of the land and tussock pasture on Mt. Ida. My husband, who owned his own plant nursery for 48 years was equally impressed. These farmers, who allow visitors to the area with the proviso they stick to the tracks already there and close the gates, often take visitors to view the scenery themselves. I am appalled to think they will lose their farms, which provide wool and lamb for New Zealand's export income, if they no longer have access to this run-off land. They also employ experienced land workers and musterers. Their small flat land units will not be financially viable without the extra Mt. Ida grazing. I do hope more thought will be given to this decision to return the land to full Crown ownership to be vested in the Dept., of Conservation.

Sincerely,
Joan Luhrs.

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From: A J Middleditch [ajmiddleditch@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Thursday, 5 April 2007 12:46 p.m.

To: Alexandra

Subject: Mt Ida Submission

Please accept this submission on the Mt Ida review from Alan Middleditch, 28 hall Road, Sawyers Bay, Dunedin 034728753

Submission on Mt Ida Syndicate Review Crown Pastoral Act Alan Middleditch

My interest in this review is because for the past 23 years I and my family have had a holiday residence in Naseby. We have used the Mt Ida Syndicate and surrounding area for recreational purposes during that time, specifically walking, trail riding, fishing and mountain biking.

This submission comprises of three aspects.

Affects on Recreational opportunities and access

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Affects on the environment

Affects on recreational opportunities and access

During the time we have used the area for recreation we have only had one problem with access when the gate over the public road just before the last crossing of the Little Kyeburn was locked for some months and a notice about fire danger was posted. This gate remained locked long after any fire danger was past. We have had no other access problems. If the license holders are completely removed from this area and replaced by DOC administration of this public land then there is a potential for access to be improved legally and degraded physically.

Legal Access

Although present access is good any future change of licensee could see a change in access for the public. I have observed a hardening of attitudes by farmers in other areas on public access. Giving control to DOC would secure public access in general.

Physical Access

If the farmers using the area for grazing at present are denied grazing rights then road and track maintenance in the area will suffer badly. The present access road although rugged is far better than no road at all. Loss of this asset to the area would be a major blow to recreational opportunities.

Affects on the economy

I believe the licensees use this area for summer grazing for sheep for less than 3 months a year. This enables them to carry more stock thus benefiting the economy locally and nationally. Many persons jobs depend directly or indirectly on these farmers and many like them. I and my two sons work at Port Otago. Our jobs depend directly on farm exports. We need the farmers who are our partners in this economy to prosper and sustainably produce volume exports. If farmers are not prospering then the local economy will also suffer with all the obvious flow on effects. Having this summer grazing option must be good for the licensee farmers.

Affects on the environment

It appears that this area has been grazed for more than one hundred years. From my own observations apart from the increase of hieracium there has been minimal environmental change in the last 20 years. I am sure there has been change in the time from before sheep grazing. I do not believe any living person can say with any particular accuracy exactly what the pre sheep grazing environment was. Was that environment completely natural or modified as the result of the removal of the grazing moas and man made fire.

The present environment appears to be in balance and sustainable if the present grazing practices are maintained. If grazing is withdrawn the environment may revert to some pre grazing state (natural or modified) or may be invaded by some weeds or pests now present or from elsewhere. I doubt that DOC has the funds to control such invasions. Loss of high country summer grazing by licensees may force more intensive farming methods on their lowland farms. This may stress the lowland environment.

Conclusion

I support the proposal to retain this area in full crown ownership but I am against removal of grazing rights.

Secure access to this public land would be a public benefit and be good for recreational opportunities.

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Removal of grazing by sheep may not improve the environment

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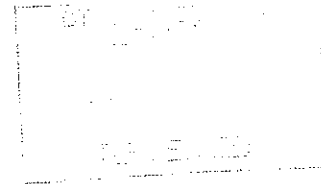
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10 November 2006

Dear Sir/Madame,

Submission to the Mt Ida Syndicate, Review of Other Crown Land: Notice of Preliminary Proposal.

This submission compiled by the Naseby Vision Incorporated Society, has the unanimous support from 79 members who were canvassed at our Annual General Meeting held on Monday 23 October 2006.

Naseby Vision supports the continued use of Run 362B & C by the Mt Ida Syndicate for summer grazing.

This submission is in support of the families of the syndicate who have had the continuous stewardship and use of this area for summer grazing, without damage, for 110 years. They have demonstrated balance and respect in their relationship with the land and for those people wishing to visit the area.


The families of the Mt Ida Syndicate have a strongly developed culture of community service that is embedded in the history of Naseby and wider Maniototo area. The local community is aware that without the summer grazing option the viability of these farm units is marginal, and that could have an economic impact on the local economy, as well as a significant social one.

The Naseby Vision membership expressed strong concern about the high likelihood of deterioration of the area flora, due to an invasion of Hieracium species if this area is locked up.

It is also thought that this change could in fact limit the access to the area for the general public. At present it is clear that syndicate members work hard to ensure public access as evidenced by many records of public gratitude.

If it is possible to speak to this submission, Naseby Vision (Inc) representatives would welcome the opportunity.

Thank you


Yours sincerely
Hilary Allison
(Secretary) Naseby Vision (Inc)

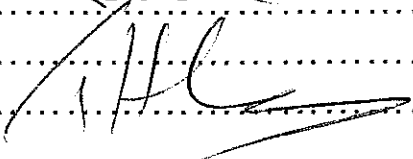
MT IDA SYNDICATE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL REVIEW SUBMISSION

I (WE) Tim & Geva Innes
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109 years of grazing speaks for itself, providing this land is sustainably grazed it should ~~to~~ remain ~~to~~ continue as it has Not in crown ownership but leased by the present holders to ensure it's continued sustainable grazing.

Geva Innes


Submission regarding Crown Ownership of the Ida Valley Syndicate Block.

I am writing in direct opposition to the Crown ownership of the Ida Valley Syndicate.

Information that I obtained from the Department of Conservation (DOC) website states their mission is "to conserve New Zealand's natural and historical heritage for all to enjoy now and in the future". Their proposal to limit access to the affected land is in direct contradiction of this mission. Access only to cross country skiers and mountain bikers prevents the elderly, physically disabled and children from enjoying the beauty of this area.

I believe it is wrong to prevent people from the natural environment which DOC states "is owned by all New Zealanders" and that they "work on behalf of New Zealanders and also with them" it seems they are not working with the best interests of the majority in mind. As a keen and responsible off road driver I don't believe they are working on behalf of me or my interests.

In my research into DOC, I was intrigued to read about the successful running of Molesworth Station; in particular the fact that horse riding, camping, tramping, hunting, fishing, mountain biking and even four wheel driving is allowable and actively encouraged on the Molesworth Station website. This venture has proved that with planning it is possible to provide a safe and natural environment for endangered species in tandem with access to the public. I would like to know what the difference is between the two areas as both have scree, shrublands, short tussock lands, lizards, the New Zealand falcon, other endangered birds and many other similarities. It is obvious that the majority of the four wheel drivers do not harm the Molesworth environment, as long as they keep vehicles to the formed road, as the 112km Hanmer-Rainbow Road is accessible by 4wd only and experiences include scree, wetlands, and tussockland.

Another of my major concerns is without vehicle access to the Ida Valley Syndicate block the track condition will deteriorate with no regular maintenance, and this provides a hazard in the event of a fire. It may mean the difference between ground teams attending or not, and greater destruction of the natural environment. Even if a vehicle did get to the fire, the fire fighters would be taking greater risks to their personal safety as there is no clear path to retreat in case of a change in fire direction. The same could be said for Search and rescue parties in the event of a skiing or mountain biking incident. I am patently aware of the importance placed on accessibility in the case of a rescue as my family has been involved in Search and rescue operations, and delays of minutes may be the difference between a successful rescue or a body recovery.

Over the years I have been fortunate enough to be in this area three times and every time all of the vehicles involved have been respectful of the environment. On one occasion whilst taking a British tourist

for a trip he saw a falcon and couldn't stop raving about the trip when he got home. So much so that four of his acquaintances visited New Zealand to experience this first hand. This type of publicity is priceless and should be encouraged rather than prevented.

With regard to the proposal, I am of the opinion that it would be bad for the majority of New Zealanders and tourists, as well as the Central Otago community, to transfer ownership of the Ida Valley Syndicate block to the Department of Conservation, as the Syndicate have done a remarkable and consistant job of preserving the natural flora and fauna, whilst still maintaining its economic ability and keeping it open to the general public.

Why should a handful of people decide what the majority can and can't do? If the syndicate block is transferred into Crown ownership will DOC guarantee the maintenance and possibly improve the block or will it fall by the wayside like the Rock and Pillars which need fencing finished.

New Zealand is a democratic society where the rights and opinions of all people should be respected and considered before decisions are made. I envisaged sharing this area with my own children, and trust that the Department of Conservation will carefully consider opposition to this proposal and the negative impact that it would have on the wider population, before making any irreversible decisions.

In conclusion I return to the Department of conservation's mission "to conserve New Zealand's natural and historical heritage for all to enjoy now and in the future". The key word is *all* which I totally agree with.

Ross Andrew Hayes
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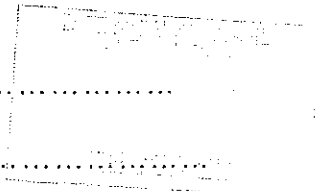
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Although the grazing land under discussion never had very secure tenure, this itself adds to the culture & heritage value. It is very easy to depress over 100 years of stewardship but all too soon history will disappear. Much of the South Island High Country was opened up by our holders - their early horse trails, other mustering & boundary huts, and latterly their 4 wheel drive tracks. Thousands of people have enjoyed this area in recent years because of our holder tracks. Reports suggest grazing has done little harm with indigenous vegetation still retained & the short grazing regime appears to have been ecologically ~~and~~ sustainable. The viability of the prospecting operation will be at risk without this summer country & for what benefit. D.C.'s stewardship is very much unproven.

MT IDA SYNDICATE PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL REVIEW SUBMISSION

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I object to the Mt Ida Syndicate being retained as land in full Crown ownership and control as a conservation area. Grazing this land has not been harmful to the vegetation. It allows the graziers' properties to be viable. Why change something that has been successful for 100 years. The area can still be enjoyed for recreational use. Both income and labour are provided by the use of this land. I am against the users losing their heritage that has been there for generations.

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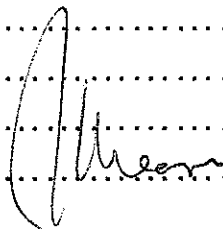
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Access to & THROUGH THIS AREA
IS COURTESY OF THE RUNHOLDERS
IMPROVEMENTS, ie HOPS & TRACKS

TRANSFER OF THIS PROPERTY TO FULL
CROWN OWNERSHIP & CONTROL IS UNLIKELY
TO MAINTAIN THESE FACILITIES WITH
THE RESULT ANY FUTURE ACCESS
WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED TO
MOST PEOPLE.

THE SOLUTION IS TO PROVIDE THE
CURRENT LICENSER HOLDERS SOME FORM
OF SECURITY & INCENTIVE TO CONTINUE
TO ACTIVELY MANAGE THE LAND &
MAINTAIN ACCESS.

I Ours Faithfully



**SUBMISSION TO THE MT IDA SYNDICATE REVIEW OF OTHER CROWN LAND
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL**

I write in support of the Mt Ida Syndicate shareholders who wish to retain their "grazing rights" under the current lease conditions for seasonal grazing by sheep during the summer to autumn months.

Your report prepared for the Commissioner of Crown Lands clearly reveals that continuous seasonal grazing by sheep is a sustainable land management option.

Not only have medium altitude tussock grazing lands been carefully managed by the former and current lessees, this pattern of use provides a significant economic return to shareholders when considered as an extension to their annual production cycle.

Having observed the annual cycle of sheep being transferred (droving) to the Syndicate during January and the autumn muster 3 months later, one has to marvel at the good condition of these returning sheep, particularly if the home farms have been suffering under drought conditions.

People enjoying a 4 wheel drive journey through this country stare wide eyed at the huge open expanse of clean tussock country bisected by several running streams or rivers.

This pleasure has been made possible by shareholders developments which are boundary fencing, shepherds huts and miles of access tracks which have all been provided by shareholders at absolutely no cost to the Crown.

While one arm of the Crown encourages production from agriculture including summer grazing of the Syndicate, it is ironic that another arm, the Department of Conservation, is hell bent on having exclusive non productive rights over the Syndicate.

I believe that:

1. The Syndicate shareholders should be granted a 21 year lease with a 7 year review of rental.
2. No immediate rent increase recognising the substantial financial cost of protecting their current use of this lease.
3. No decrease in the current stock numbers grazed during their annual use of this country.
4. Droving access up the Buster Road not be denied by the Department of Conservation.
5. Any future demands or conditions imposed have to be economically affordable.
6. The economic benefit to New Zealand through utilising this grazing option be recognised in any future review.
7. The lack of serious mid summer fires upon this country can clearly be linked to the regular seasonal grazing by sheep.

8. The Department of Conservation be denied exclusive use or new use of this country, particularly as income derived currently and rates paid will cease under their management.
9. Reported public comments by the Otago Conservator Jeff Connell that "the shareholders have had ample time to make alternative arrangements" referring to their farming life post grazing of the Syndicate shows a complete lack of understanding of land area and livestock pastured equation.

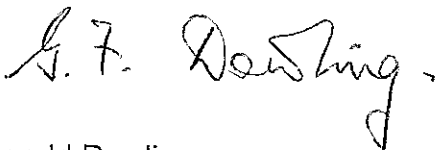
Each shareholder will suffer reduced saleable production in the ratio of their Syndicate share of grazing and their current farm development. Many years of economic squeeze have ensured that farmers have already developed their on farm attributes, particularly the use of irrigation.

Spending huge sums of money to purchase additional land adjoining or near their home property cannot always be justified.

I believe Mr Connell's comment was belittling of the huge long term personal and financial input by the shareholders. I believe shareholders have shown impeccable judgment in exercising their grazing rights.

Therefore I believe that shareholders of the Mt Ida Syndicate should not only be allowed but also be encouraged to continue their grazing rights on this country to the benefit of productive use for New Zealand.

I support the shareholders continued grazing by sheep of the Syndicate for the same seasonal period and in the same numbers.



Gerald Dowling

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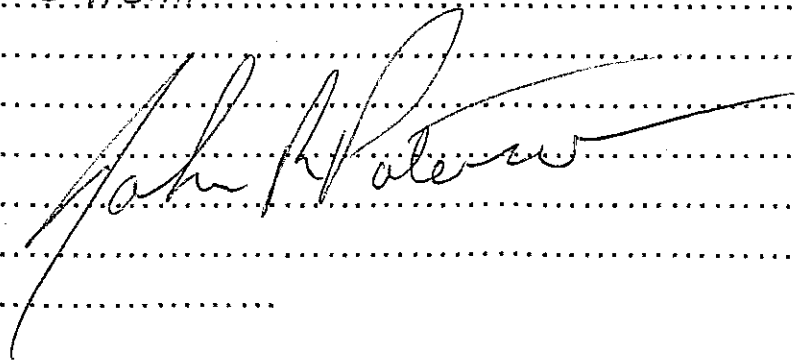
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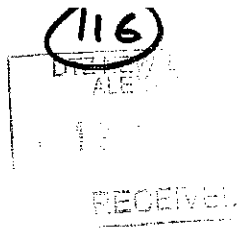
THE LAND IS IN GOOD SUSTAINABLE CONDITION, HAVING BEEN GRAZED ONLY IN SUMMER FOR OVER 100 YEARS. IT RETAINS SIGNIFICANT INDIGENOUS VEGETATION. PROVES THIS WOULD MAKE SEVERAL FARMS NOT ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE IF NOT ALLOWED TO RENEW THE LEASE OR FREE HOLD THE LAND.

IF WE HADN'T HAD SUCH A WEAK KNEED MINISTER OF LANDS IN THE EARLY 1980'S IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FREE HOLD THEN, ALONG WITH ALL THE PASTORAL LEASES AS THE CLAYTON REPORT SAID.

AND IF THIS LAND IS TURNED OVER TO D.O.C

THEY D.O.C. CAN KISS GOOD BY TO EVER BEEN GIVEN ACCESS (AT PRESENT DENIED) TO THE "UPPER MAORI PNA AREA" EVER AGAIN.





Idavale
Ring Fence Rd
Konforly
17.10.06

Commissioner of Crown Lands
P.O. Box 24
Alexandra

Part Run 362B & 362C Mt Buster
Mt Ida Syndicate

This is my submission on behalf of the Mt Ida Syndicate, my feelings are that the drought conditions which exist in this region has not been fully researched, for 4 to 5 months of a year this farmland suffers from no rain & 40° temp rendering the land parched & lifeless, the high country grazing is the very essence of survival to these farmers with no Govt. help asked for nor given.

The tradition of farming this way has evolved through generations of the same families handed from father to son over more than 100 years it is part of the heritage in the region and must be realised the summer grazing is a fundamental necessity to the properties economics, with obvious flow on effects for the wider community.

It must be realised that without this 3mth grazing these small runs will be unable to continue and will be swallowed up by larger runholders losing numbers of employment opportunities meaning service groups, schools & the towns will suffer a downturn along with the rating value.

On the subject of access the farmers maintain huts and roads for themselves and public alike and to my knowledge there has never been a problem with permission to the area I frequently hunt, tramp & trek through the blocks and the pristine

condition the land is in under their management
is testament to their farming skills and care
I give fully my support to the status quo
remaining

yours sincerely,

RFEHore.