

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: THE LARCHES

Lease number: PO 254

Public Submissions - Part 9

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

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RELEASED UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT Entrance . 7km from Wanaka .



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Back Side Entrance 7 km from Wanaka.

- No Horses.
- Transit approved parking.



Robert Studholm tended a tree nursery opposite. Established 1879 for the benefit of the district; after an idea raised by Lake County Councillor Robert McDougall. Last trees were felled in 1960.



③ Entrance 7km From
Timber Creek → China - Gully.
Large area 80m width & 4m above river. Wanaka.



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B. Site Entrance 7 km
From Wanaka.



Great Site for walking Bridge.



Easy access & fantastic views.

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Site

Dropping down off the tree platform
to old river beds & broom



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Tenure Review – The Larches, Criffel Range, Pisa

This submission is made on behalf of the National Office of New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated (NZDA). NZDA is the national body of recreational deerstalkers and other big game hunters. We have 50 branches and a number of hunting clubs throughout New Zealand. We have 7300 members, and have been actively advocating for deerstalking and hunting and running training courses, trips, conferences etc since 1937.

NZDA's interest in Tenure Review comes from its interest in obtaining additional public parkland for recreational hunting, and for protecting important wildlands and wildland scenery for their intrinsic worth, and outdoor recreation, in public ownership.

NZDA is also interested in adequate provision of public access, especially vehicular access, to allow hunters to more readily harvest the meat from animals taken. NZDA's Hunting Code of Ethics encourages hunters to harvest the meat. NZDA supports the Government's 2003 Objective to "progressively establish a network of high country parks and reserves" by surrender and purchase of pastoral lease land, especially through Tenure Review.

1 Summary: The Larches (1833 Ha) Preliminary Proposal

NZDA strongly supports the proposed surrender of 857 Ha of high land wildlands from the lease, and their designation as public Conservation Area. The area as tops provides public land that can be used for recreational hunting, at low densities of animals. It is primarily in the extensive and winding watershed of Luggate Creek, on the Plateau area.

Adequate permanent public vehicular access to the Area needs to be provided. This is not the case as proposed by b-d-e. Public vehicular access should be provided now, especially as the area is likely to be incorporated into a Conservation Park.

2 Location and Recreational Hunting:

Deerstalking and chamois hunting is possible, though the area is relatively open. There are the following NZDA branches in the region: Southern Lakes Branch (Queenstown, Alexandra, Wanaka etc), South Otago Branch (Balclutha), Blue Mountains Branch (Tapanui), Otago Branch (Dunedin), North Otago Branch (Oamaru). There are also other recreational hunting clubs in the region. They are able to put significant hunting pressure on the area, and as well it provides a recreational hunting opportunity with outstanding views over parts of the Clutha and Cardrona Valleys, and Wanaka and Hawea Basins.

3 NZDA Interests and Concerns:

NZDA welcomes this surrender, as it adds additional 857 Ha of wild land available for recreational hunting, and recreation generally in the Pisa Range. The area is readily accessible via the Highways that circle the Pisa and Criffel Ranges eg Clutha Valley (SH 6), Kawarau (SH6) and SH89 (Crown Range-Cardrona Valley). NZDA supports a conservation park centred on the Pisa Range, as then, subject to native species being protected, it will be managed primarily for recreation (S 19 Conservation Act).

4 Public Access b-d-e lacks vehicle access, is inadequate for recreational hunting:

Public access is proposed to be "by foot, horse and non-motorised vehicles" along line b-d-e. This is inadequate for recreational hunting. Better vehicle access is needed to make the area attractive for recreational hunting. NZDA notes that DOC provides vehicular access for its staff. Such access should also be provided for responsible recreational hunters. It should be permanently provided, not something DOC staff allocate to their friends, or that has to be begged for.

5 Do not remove any usable Huts on the surrendered land: NZDA is unsure whether there are any musterer or other huts on the surrendered land. If there are such huts, NZDA asks that they not be demolished or removed. But that they be available for public use once the land is surrendered.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this tenure review.

Yours truly

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