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Married with 3 young children.
LLB from Otago University.
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Personal Interests:

Family.
Outdoor recreation such as wind surfing, sailing, boating, fishing, diving, mountain biking and skiing.

Special work interest:

Rural related law such as resource management, high country legal issues and policy development, irrigation issues and negotiation.

Personal Agenda:

To assist the high country farmers in bringing about a sensible and equitable administration of their lands in relation to economic management, sustainable management and conservation management.
I am presenting the High Country trustees comprehensive submission specifically addressing the Bill clause by clause.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Puts the current Land Act 1948 and the Bill in their proper perspective so as to demonstrate the necessity of the Bill.
2. Points out where parts of the Bill need some fine tuning to improve its effect.
3. Challenges Clause 14 as currently worded and suggests a more equitable and effective wording.
4. Requires Clause 20 and 24 enlarged to provide for protection mechanisms for land with high inherent values rather than Crown ownership being the only method of achieving protection of such land.

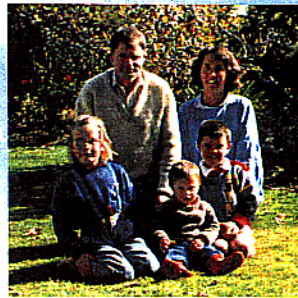
JOHN ALLEN

Queenstown

Qualified Valuer and Land Management Consultant.
Dip. VFM Lincoln.
17 Years experience in the Lands & Survey Dept, including high country land administration.
10 years private consultancy in the high country.
Advisor to the High Country Trustees and clients from Marlborough to Southland.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Introduction of High Country Trustees members with group submissions.
2. Restrictions and problems of freeholding negotiations under the present procedures.



JOHN MILLER

(Chairman), Shingle Creek, Alexandra.

Partnership with wife Adaire.

Area	1890 ha pastoral lease 220 ha freehold
Stock Units	5800
Latitudinal sequence	200m to 1600 metres
Rabbits	Very few - night shooting 200 per year

1. This bill is the last opportunity to get it right for benefit of the land.
2. The restricting factors and misinformation:
 - A: The great erosion debate
 - B: The fog theory and tussock reserves
 - C: The Protected Natural Areas programme and its consequences.
3. Summary:
What went wrong and where to in the future. The visions for a positive outcome.

MARK FEARY

Mt Oxford, Oxford.

The "Mt Oxford" Property has been in my family for 70 years. I have been involved in an escalating dispute with the crown for the last 11 years.

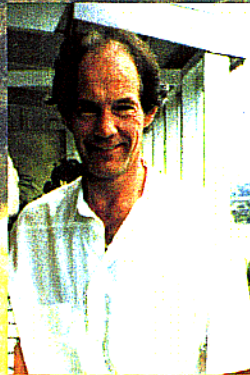
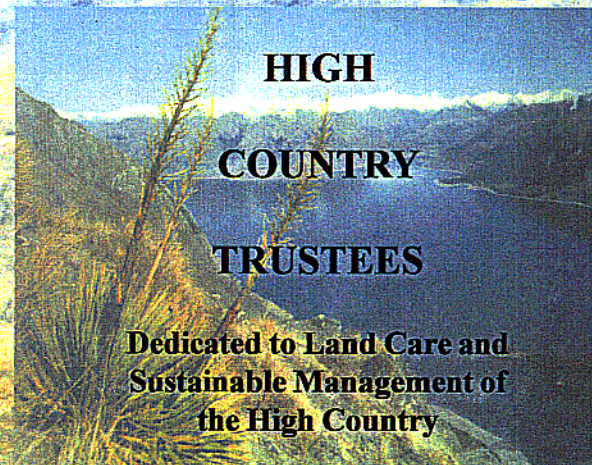
I am a Committee member of the High Country Trustees and I cannot speak highly enough of them. They are a group of dedicated, like minded people who both love and fear for the high country that they know so well.

I am also secretary/treasurer and the Trustee's representative on the High Country Video Working Party. We have produced a video due for release called "A Glimpse of the High Country". This video has both been financed and script edited etc by the Otago, Southland and Canterbury Regional Councils, D.O.C., High country Committee of Federated Farmers, McKenzie District Council, E.C.N.Z., Federated Farmers, D.O.S.L and the High Country Trustees.

I strongly urge your committee to view this video as soon as it becomes available as I believe it is a unique submission on the pros and cons of the High Country today.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Unalienable rights - our right that the Crown will behave honourably.
2. Cultural heritage - that the high country is a heritage of all N.Z.ers but so are the people that live there.
3. The high country was once perceived as the Waste Lands but now is perceived as almost Crown Jewels.
4. By carving up the high country into farming and non farming sections N.Z. will lose its unique living history of the high country runs.
5. By freeholding from the tops to the bottom the Crown will be encouraging





IRIS SCOTT
Rees Valley Station,
Glenorchy.

I first came to Rees Valley Stn in 1966 when I was a Massey Veterinary student doing a holiday job which would give me practical experience in sheep farming. In 1971 I married the boss's son, Graeme, and since then I have been increasingly involved in high country matters. For nearly 25 years I have run a part-time veterinary practice and become more involved in the farming, especially so

since Graeme's death in 1992.

Our children are Kate who is doing an Honours Arts Degree at Otago University, Diane who is at present working at home preparing for a Farm Management Course at Lincon and Eric who will begin high school next year. The children's only surviving grandparent is my mother who lives at Rees Valley in her granny flat.

I am a member of the High Country Trustees and support their submission on the Bill. I am also a member of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection society but do not support their Pastoral Lands Campaign because I am convinced that high country farming is the best possible example of successfully achieving primary production without destroying the indigenous character of the land resource. Habitat is preserved on Rees Valley.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Security of Tenure - its importance and family stability.
2. Stewardship - best by people who have invested capital and life works in the property.
3. Value of high country farming as best of both worlds marrying nature conservation and production.
4. Need to manage tourism and recreational use like farming to protect conservation value.
5. My special conservation interests - providing a haven for native species in an area where sport and recreation species have priority.

TIM BURDON
Mt Burke Stn, Wanaka

I represent three generations of farming families over the last 66 years at Mt Burke Station, and I presently farm in partnership with my father, Colty Burdon. In May 1929 my grandfather, George Burdon, after selling Mt. Creighton took over Mt. Burke, which had 9,000 sheep on 45,000 acres. Today the property has been split up. Now on the same area it carries 20,500 sheep, 680 cattle and 700 deer between two properties. We are proud of the

condition the property looks today.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Opposing Clause 14.2(b) taking into account 'inherent values' and how it relates to 12 & 13 when applying for consents for burning, soil disturbance.
2. The Clause is detrimental to sustainability and affects the exclusive right to pasturage rights of the pastoral lease contract.
3. Effects of R.M.A.



RUSSELL EMMERSON
Forest Range Stn, Tarras

Russell and Jeanette Emmerson & family farm the adjoining pastoral lease properties known as Bargout, Forest Range and Breast Hill in the Lindis Pass plus a freehold farm at Tarras. They have two daughters and a son. Russell has a Diploma in Agriculture from Lincon College in 1969. The Emmerson's were recipients of the A.C. Cameron Memorial Award in 1981.

They are members of the High Country Trustees, and Federated Farmers, (including the High Country Section), also members of the Royal Forest & Bird Society over 30 years. Russell is part of a joint committee with Otago Regional Council studying soil acidification. Jeanette is secretary/treasurer for the High Country Trustees.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Support Bill - enabling legalisation to permit freeholding on voluntary basis.
2. Object to Clause 14 because affects existing rights purchased in good faith. Affects sustainability of property until tenure exchange negotiations complete.
3. Object to all high inherent values presumed best in DOC ownership - cost to nation and questionable as best managers.
4. Support sustainable management approach - freeholding for productive use rather than old fashioned classification approach - necessary to align with R.M.A.
5. Property outline - personal approach to production, conservation, long term commitment and dedication.
6. Conclusion - its time to remove the out dated restrictions on pastoral lease properties and legalise sustainable management of the resource.

RODNEY PATTERSON
Longslip Stn, Omarama.

The Patterson's involvement in Longslip goes back to 1947 and I am the third generation to farm it. My family's involvement goes back further on other high country properties. I am also a Ngai Tahu descendant. I have a master of Agricultural Science degree, the thesis was a study of the resident vegetation, soils and agronomy of Longslip.

Longslip is 15,150 ha pastoral lease with no freehold. It is mountainous with 70% class 7e and 8. It is in 3 watersheds and thus 2 regional and 3 district council areas.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Support for the Bill because it gives primacy and sustainability.
2. Sustainability of natural values may need current farming practices to ensure their survival.
3. Protection of areas with high inherent values must be sustainable also.
4. Powers and rights of lessees should remain intact pending completion of tenure review negotiations. Section 14 affects ability to continue farming sustainability and protect lessees interests.
5. New tools for sustainability e.g. scientific studies, new species.



GERRY ECKHOFF
Coal Creek, Roxburgh.

Born in Dunedin 1947 - family in business. Married to Margaret with 4 children (Margaret is a practice nurse in Roxburgh). Two years sheep farming Diploma course. Five years in the Maniototo before buying first farm in Balfour, Southland in 1972. Shifted to Roxburgh in 1984 where we intend to stay (Land Act reviews not withstanding). Past president Lumsden Golf Club, Roxburgh Rotary Club. Served 4 years on the Board of Proprietors, John McGlashan College. Stood (unsuccessfully) for the Farmers for Positive Change group for the Electoral College.

Likes:
high wool prices
high meat prices
good malt
nice people

Dislikes:
meat companies
wool buyers and exporters etc
uneducated bureaucrats
P.A.N.Z.
Feather & Twig Society
Roxburgh Rotary Club
Most politicians
Soft toast

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Property rights under threat by Clause 14 therefore so is the essential balance of properties
2. Partnership approach to manage other values on pastoral leases

VAL WALDRON
Mt Michael, Otarehua.

Secondary education St. Kevins College, Oamaru. Have farmed in the St. Bathans district since 1954. Bought property from father in 1963 in partnership with older brother. Married to Vera in 1963, with 5 children and 4 grandchildren. Two married sons are farming in partnership with us. Have served 28 years in pest destruction, being Chairman of local Pest Board for 14 yrs and Chairman of Central Otago Pest Assn. for 12 years as well as Deputy Chairman South Island Pest Boards Assn for 3 years.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

Support the Bill with the exceptions of two Clauses (10 & 11)

1. The inclusion of inherent values clause which is a major erosion of our present rights as pastoral lessees.
2. We do not believe that conservation values should only be in Crown ownership. Many such values have more than adequately protected by lessees for the last 150 years.
3. A major injustice will occur to some P.O.L. licensees if this form of tenure is not treated in the same manner as pastoral leases.

