

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : Omahau Downs

Lease number : Pt 092

Proposed designations report

This designations report is provided by the Department of Conservation in the context of the Objects of Part 2 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 as part of the information used by LINZ to develop the Crown's preliminary consultation document for consultation with the leaseholder and with the Director General of Conservation pursuant to Section 26(3)(b) of the Crown Pastoral Land Act.

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.

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Attention: Ray Ward-Smith

Dear Ray

CONSULTATION: OMAHAU DOWNS.

As the Director General of Conservation's delegate I wish to advise you that I have reassessed the earlier Omahau Conservation Resource Report sent to you in October 1996 and its application to the new Crown Pastoral lease of Omahau Downs.

This area of Omahau Downs was part of the original Omahau "*homestead block*" and was described in the Conservation resource Report as an area of hard tussock grassland that is generally modified and contains a high exotic component. They are in varying stages of degradation and have a high presence of weeds. That there are better examples of hard tussock grasslands elsewhere in the District. The pastures dominated by exotic species have no conservation values.

I therefore wish to advise that in my opinion there are no significant inherent values present on this property that should be retained in Crown Ownership as Conservation or Reserve land to be managed by the Department of Conservation.

Yours faithfully

Mike Clare
Manager High Country Tenure Review
for CONSERVATOR