

Wai-iti River Disposal – Spring Grove.

Area of conservation land proposed for disposal:

Landform

Alluvial flats adjacent to the Wai-iti River, approx. 40m asl.

Flora

Grazed areas are predominantly improved pasture with no conservation values. Stock do not have access to river or riparian margins, and grazing land is fenced off from neighbouring properties which are not owned by Mr Haycock. Pasture on eastern side of Wai-iti River was cropped short and was quite dry at time of site visit in December 2017 (reflecting regional conditions). Pasture on western side of river has been irrigated and was in better condition, but with some pasture weeds (e.g. buttercups).

Riparian land on western side of Wai-iti River is being restored by Tasman District Council as part of larger riparian restoration project. Restoration project includes weed control (sprayed areas shown on Figure 3 below) and planting of native species.

Fauna

No records of species of conservation interest on land in question.

Freshwater

The Wai-iti River flows between the two parcels that comprise the conservation area, and the conservation land includes riparian margins and part of the riverbed (Figure 3a & b)*. These areas are fenced off from the areas that are grazed, and the riparian area on the western side of the river is being restored by Tasman District Council (as part of a larger programme. No streams occur on the area that is being grazed.

* Not attached.

Recreation

No recreational use or activities are known to occur on the land due to its isolation from other public land and lack of any differentiation from adjoining paddocks. The conservation area theoretically provides access to the Wai-iti River, but in practice anyone wishing to access the river would do so from Barton Lane, to the south (Figure 1)*.

Adjoining conservation land

The land does not adjoin other areas of conservation land. The nearest conservation land is the Esplanade Reserve – Wai-iti River (vested in Tasman District Council), more than 1km further downstream.

Effects of the Proposed Land Transaction:

Identify how the proposed land transaction would affect the overall viability of the protected natural area network and provide protection of conservation values.

The following comments are made on the assumption that marginal strips will be reserved where the land adjoins the Wai-iti River, to protect such riparian values as

may be present (mostly through restoration work being conducted by Tasman District Council) and water quality.

Natural Heritage

Representativeness

No adverse effect. The area being considered for disposal does not support any native habitats.

Naturalness

No adverse effect. The area being considered for disposal does not support any native habitats and has low natural character.

Rarity or special features

No adverse effect. The area being considered for disposal does not support any native habitats and no threatened species have been recorded.

Surrounding landscape

No adverse effect. The area being considered for disposal is currently used for grazing and that land use is consistent with land use on adjoining properties and in the surrounding landscape.

Sustainability

No adverse effect. There are no implications for long-term viability or management of other conservation land in the vicinity.

Historic & cultural

No adverse effect. The area being considered for disposal does not contain any known historic or cultural sites. Iwi associations with the Wai-iti River will not be affected, particularly if marginal strips are reserved.

Recreation

No adverse effect. There is no known recreational use of the area being considered for disposal, and disposal will not impede access to or use of the Wai-iti River (practical access being via Barton Road to the south).

Threats to conservation values if proposal does not proceed

Not applicable. There are no conservation values on the land in question.

Additional management that would be required if land transaction were to occur

None.

Other Comments

It is recommended that marginal strips be reserved where the land adjoins the Wai-iti River. Riparian margins of variable width are already fenced off and excluded from grazing (see Figure 2) and it is recommended that the boundaries of any marginal strips be aligned with the existing fence lines. This will mean that the marginal strips on the eastern side of the river will be less than 20m in width, whilst that on the western side of the river will be greater than 20m in width.

Schedule 4



**DOC Nelson/Marlborough
Concession**

25/01/2012

Concession no. NM-32966-GR A

Type Grazing Licence

Name LR Haycock

Term 10 years from 1 January 2012

Expires 31 December 2021

Legal description PCL adjoining Lot 2

DP 5533 and Lot 2 DP 3430

Conservation unit name Conservation Land

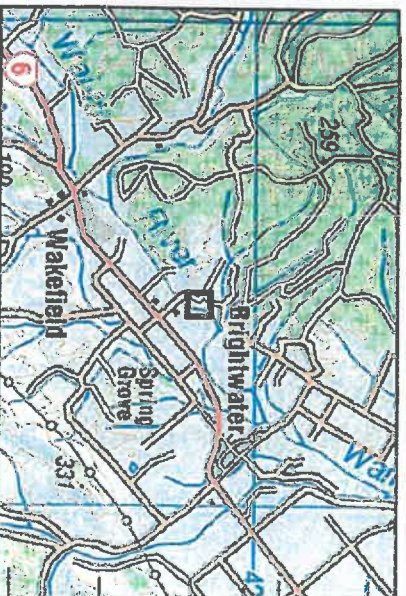
- Riverbed Wai-iti River

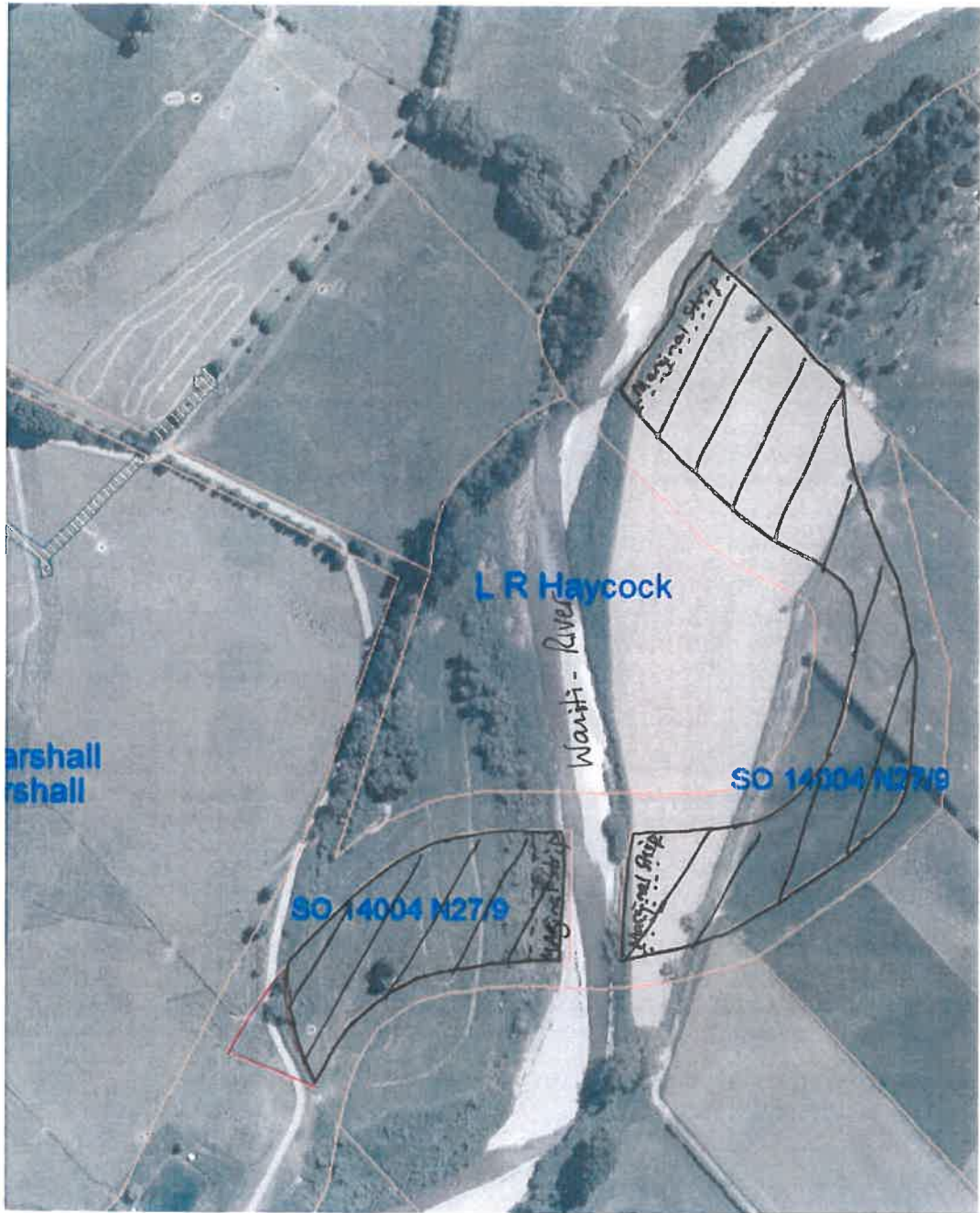
Conservation unit no. 00458

Local authority Tasman District Council

File reference PAC 10-01-009

Location ID 2861





Conservation land proposed for disposal
○ Retain for wood(?)



Figure 2
Riparian margins of variable width are fenced off and excluded from grazing. Area on western side of river is included in riparian restoration project by Tasman District Council: