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Ref: 5209

22 December 2016

The Planning Manager  
Mackenzie District Council  
P O Box 52  
FAIRLIE

Attn: Nathan Hole

Dear Nathan

**RE: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE APPLICATION  
CULTIVATION OF FARMLAND AND APPLICATION OF  
FERTILISER  
APPLICANT: MT GERALD STATION LTD  
LILYBANK RD, TEKAPO**

We seek a certificate of compliance, on behalf of our client, Mt Gerald Station Ltd, for the cultivation and direct drilling of farmland, and for top dressing and the application of fertiliser on land located off Lilybank Road, Lake Tekapo.

Please note that the Certificate of Compliance application is to cover farming practice which is *currently* occurring on the land. No new vegetation clearance proposed.

In addition, the Applicant holds:

1. Regional Council resource consent CRC164947 which authorises the take and use of water for irrigation on part of that land subject to this application; and
2. Certificate of Compliance RM150057 dated 10 March 2016 which certifies that the installation and use of 10 centre pivot irrigators and associated water reticulation systems (in accordance with attached plans) is a permitted activity and could lawfully be undertaken without resource consent on the date the certificate was issued.

## **2.0 The Proposal**

It is proposed to continue the practice of cultivation of land for farming purposes on the land shaded in green. This includes direct drilling methods to establish crops such as Lucerne, Wheat, Oats, Ryecorn and clover grass.

This is a process that takes place on a rotation basis, depending upon the crop. Some paddocks are cultivated on an annual basis, while others may be longer.

The second part of the application is to continue the practice of applying fertiliser and or grass seed, either by vehicle or by aircraft to the area shaded in blue. The fertiliser is super phosphate, applied at a rate defined by the agri-nutrient experts. Typically a seed mix comprising clover and ryegrass is used. The application of fertiliser and or seed takes place on an annual, biennial or triennial basis, depending on the individual parcel of land. The application of fertiliser will be in strict accordance with permitted activity conditions as contained in the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan 2015 and the Mackenzie District Plan.

## **3.0 The District Plan – Zoning**

The land is zoned Rural under the District Plan.

### Proposed Plan Change 13

Proposed Plan Change 13 – Mackenzie Basin recognises that the subject site is located within the Mackenzie Basin subzone boundary.

## **4.0 Permitted Activity Status**

The cultivation of farmland, and the application of fertiliser has been checked against the provisions of Section 7 – Rural Zone and does not fall within the rules of this section as requiring resource consent.

The activity is by definition a farming activity, as follows (my underlining):

***Farming Activity:*** means the use of land, buildings or water for the primary purpose of the production of vegetative matter and/or commercial livestock, and includes the on-site sale of produce grown or reared on the site. Farming activity does not include residential activity, home occupations, factory farming, forestry activity or the disposal of effluent beyond the level normally required to sustain the productive use of the land.

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**Matthew Suddaby**

**Director**

**Registered Professional Surveyor**  
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**Reviewed by:**

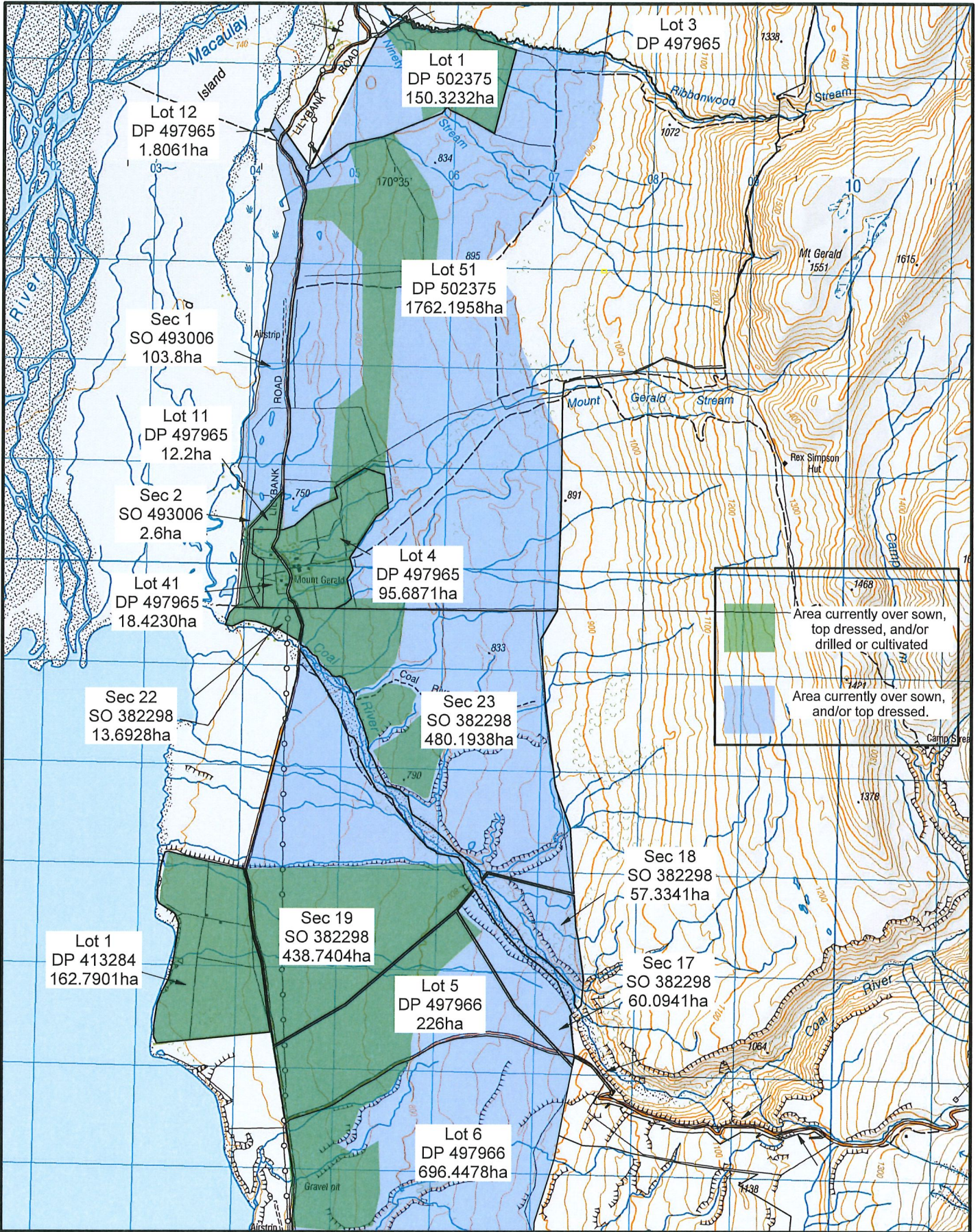


**Katherine Forward**

**Associate**

**Duncan Cotterill**

Encl: Location Plan  
Site Plans  
Titles x 4



**Mt Gerald Station**  
Plan showing areas of cultivation and topdressing

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