



MACKENZIE FORESTRY BOARD

Membership:

Graeme Page (Chairman)
Annette Money
Graham Smith
Evan Williams

***Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Mackenzie
Forestry Board
to be held in the Council Chambers, Fairlie,
on Tuesday 19 February 2013 at 8.30 am.***

- Business:**
1. Apologies
 2. Minutes
 3. Finance Report (to be tabled)
 4. Forest Manager's Reports
 5. Terry O'Neill
 6. Lake Tekapo Plantation
 7. Rabbits
 8. Offer for Simons Hill

**WAYNE BARNETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

14 February 2013

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE FORESTRY BOARD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE,
ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 8.45 AM****PRESENT:**

Graeme Page (Chairman)
Evan Williams
Graham Smith
Annette Money

IN ATTENDANCE:

Terry O'Neill (District Forester)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

An apology was noted from the Forest Manager.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie Forestry Board held on 7 June 2012 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graeme Page /Evan Williams

Rabbit Control – Plantation at Burkes Pass/Glenrock Station:

The Chairman undertook to consult with the Forest Manager regarding the extent of the work that needed to be undertaken.

III FINANCE:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report for the Forestry Board to 31 July 2012.

Resolved that the report be received.

Annette Money/Graham Smith

IV FOREST MANAGER'S REPORTS:

Resolved that the time and travel logs from the Forest Manager for April, May and June 2012 be received.

Graeme Page /Evan Williams

V DISTRICT FORESTER'S REPORT:

This report from the District Forester referred to Log Sale - Blunts Plantation, Harvesting and Log Sales Tekapo, Woodburn Douglas Fir Thinning and Silviculture 2012/2013, Emissions Trading Scheme and Carbon Market Update.

The report was accompanied by the Carbon Report dated 14 September 2012 and a copy of the submission from the Forest Owners Association on the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.

Resolved that the report be received

Graham Smith/Annette Money

It was agreed that a price for the completion of the access track to the Tekapo Plantation be obtained from Dobson Contracting.

Resolved

1. That a net return of \$70,000 for the Tekapo Plantation be assured before milling is commenced.
- 2 That the access track to the Tekapo Plantation be completed.

Annette Money/Graham Smith

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 AM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

Kevin O'Neill's Time & Travel Log

December 2012

December	Hrs	Kms	Details
1			One further enquiry about the Fox Peak lease.
3	2	92	Terry rang to ask me to meet Tony, Robert Sheperds digger driver to show him where to put in track for logging truck access to Tekapo Plantation.
4	5	97	Meet Don McConchie at his request to look at wilding trees on different titles around the back of Tekapo. Some of which I suspect don't belong to Council or come under forestry control. Promised to look into it for him after an extensive drive by 4 wheel drive and a walk. Digger has almost finished excavating track. Made a good job but did not find the shingle we hoped for to keep log trucks from breaking the surface. Checked on job done by Andrew Hurst at Woodburn to take water away from our plantation and stop it flooding Woodburn drive and paddocks.
11	1		Meet with Steve Barlow and Pauline Jackson to get maps to titles of a number of blocks at the back of Tekapo.
12	1		Marked areas on title map under our control where wilding control can take place. Met Don McConchie with map to explain marked areas under our control that wilding control can take place on. Gave permission for 2 hours work to go ahead.
14	1		Rang Terry for estimate of length of fencing required for each year of lease at Fox Peak at the request of possible leasees. Invoices. Asked Terry if he had progressed a management plan for Tekapo Plantation. Will work on it.
16	1/2		Spoke with Ann Braun Elwert at length about ideas for Tekapo Plantation. Discussed rabbit problems at Downy with Graham Willetts. Gave him some contacts to use for control of the rabbits.
17	1		Meet with Paul Morris and Graham Page about Fox Peak tenders. I to let tenderers know results with a written letter to follow from Paul. Also discussed ways ahead for Tekapo Plantation.
20	2	44	Inspected spraying of firebreak at Cabuie, inside fence line, up paper road at Dawny, Strathallan, Clayton Road and Mitchells.
TOTALS	13.5	233	

Kevin O'Neill's Time & Travel Log November 2012

November	Hrs	Kms	Details
6			Rang Graeme Page to discuss Grandville Button using track by roadside of Woodburn Plantation for motor cross. Very damp at the moment, no real risk of fire and Fairlie Primary get a percentage of the funds – gave permission. Also advised Graeme thinning may begin at Cabuie.
7	1	26	Visited Cabuie to see if trees are ready for thinning one or two years earlier than planned. But they have filled in very well. Terry thinks could work out cheaper to thin as smaller trees will not hang up as bad.
8	1		Kurt Crisp today started thinning first 40 ha block of Douglas fir at Cabuie. Spoke to South Canterbury Helicopters – Sandy Jamieson about spraying Jacksons and Pages plantation. Spoke to Rob Shepperd about excavation of track for logging trucks to gain access to Tekapo plantation as Terry feels log prices are improving.
13			Murray Lumsden rang to inform me all firewood logs have been delivered.
15	4	29	Meet Terry and Sam Bell. Inspected Fox Peak to see if any blocks are ready to graze and the work required by any lease that may obtain the lease. Terry and I did first three plots at Cabuie to check the work of Kurt Crisp checked height dos and numbers per hectare.
17	½		Issued permit to Laurie Williams to shoot at Fox Peak.
20	1		Wrote advertisement for lease of Fox Peak and put in the Accessible.
23	2 1/2		Rang all those who had shown interest in leasing Fox Peak to tell them it is being advertised and where to pickup conditions of lease and tender document. Spent time on writing what would be required for lease.
26	3 1/2	33	Terry and I did a further four plots at Cabuie. 40 ha's of trees, 14 years old.
26			Thinning to 600-650 stems per ha. Trees are 11-12 metres high. Cost to thin working out at \$280.00 per ha. Terry budgeted at \$350.00 per ha. Thinning 1 to 2 years earlier working out cheaper as less trunk to cut up to get flat on the ground to save hang-ups.
27	1		Spoke with Terry, Graeme Page and Paul Morris about conditions to include in lease for Fox Peak.
29	1		Got lease agreements printed. Invoices.
30	1		Had three enquiries about lease of Fox Peak. Issued permit to Craig O'Neill to shoot and inspect areas required to be fenced. Gave him a printed map of fence lines.
TOTALS	16.5	88	

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Kevin O'Neill's Time & Travel Log October 2012

October	Hrs	Kms	Details
1	½		Discussed with Terry possible release of earlier planted forestry blocks at Fox Peak for grazing as there has been some interest shown in the grazing.
2	1		Replied to Ian Sommerille, Laurie Williams and Sam Bell about the possible release and process we will follow if Terry decides one or two blocks could be tendered. Enquired from Murray Lumbsden as to whether all firewood logs had been delivered.
6	½		Issued permit to Garry Joll to shoot at Fox Peak.
9	2		Logging prices for Tekapo plantation still very low so logging postponed. Evan McClure will be in touch in the future. Relayed decision and reasons to Glen, Paul, Graeme Page and Murray Cox. Invoices.
10	1 ½		After developing a fire plan of resources and access for council plantations in response to Councillor Smith's request, I have had a discussion with Ray Gardner who tells me due to a direction from government, Ecan are spending \$100,000 over the next 3 years to come up with a masterplan. A Canadian lady has been employed and visited the Mackenzie District two or three times already and has spoken to Ray and Rob Hand. Whether she has used the information Ray now has as a base to work from I am not sure. Spoke with Graeme Page about possible lease of Fox Peak, he is to gauge the support of the Forestry Board. Garry Joll could not shoot at Fox Peak so let David Cartwright use the permit.
14	3 ½		Forestry reports for July-September.
17	4	63	Sprayed roadside of Little's plantation and Welcome Mackenzie sign. Inspected roadsides sprayed by Ian McDonald at Karina Downs, Wrefords up Nelsons Rd and Cave.
26	1	10	Issued permit to Richard Templeton to shoot at Fox Peak. Keemi Murphy rang about firewood permit. Checked on new fence erected at Jacksons giving an 18mtr setback from power lines and closing in the two entrance ways used by logging trucks.
TOTALS	14	73	

Rosemary Moran

From: Mackenzie District Mayor
Sent: Thursday, 14 February 2013 7:53 a.m.
To: Rosemary Moran
Subject: Fwd: Council's Forest Plantation

this came from Tracey today

Claire Barlow
 Mayor
 Mackenzie District Council

Sent from my smartphone.

----- Original message -----

Subject: RE: Council's Forest Plantation
From: Tracey Bell <info@tekapomoonlight.co.nz>
To: Wayne Barnett <wayne@mackenzie.govt.nz>, climb@alpinerecreation.com
CC: m.cox@xtra.co.nz, Mackenzie District Mayor <mayor@mackenzie.govt.nz>

Dear Wayne, Claire and Murray,

Thank you for forwarding this letter for our consideration and input.

I do have serious concerns with the letter and the issues raised therein. In short, I strongly oppose the Tekapo Board/Council sending this letter before the all relevant issues raised by myself, Anne and other residents in their letters to Council, have been fully addressed. To send this letter now would be premature and could seriously undermine a proper and due process, which is one the issues I have raised with Wayne today.

Of particular relevance is the issue of Existing Use Rights that was raised by the Forestry Board as the basis for proceeding with logging in a designated recreation reserve (under Councils District Plan). We understand that Council intend to proceed with logging on this basis and that it essentially overrides requirements of the Resource Management Act (whereby Council would otherwise have to obtain a resource management consent prior to logging). Council may not be able to claim Existing Use Rights on the basis that one the key requirements is that the 'current effects of the activity [ie. logging] must be the same or similar to the effects of the activity when it was first lawfully established'. See below:

There are three key requirements to qualify for

existing use rights:

- The activity must have been lawfully established as a permitted activity prior to the new rules coming into effect;
- The activity cannot lapse for longer than 12 months; and
- The current effects of the activity must be the same or similar to the effects of the activity when it was first lawfully established.

We believe that the current effects of the activity are now significantly different to when the plantation was first established. I have sought independent legal advice as to the proper and due process for Council to claim Existing Use Rights in this regard.

I would like to address some of the comments in Wayne's email:

Our staff will begin putting the letter together at 10:00 tomorrow so we will not be able to change after that time, sorry for this constraint.

I am not sure why changes could not be made after tomorrow morning at 10am. This does not give adequate time for us to fully consider the letter and its implications to the process or construct a considered reply.

We will send the letter to all Tekapo ratepayers on Friday. I propose that we then allow the next week for the community to express any concerns they may have.

One week is not enough time to allow residents to consider the letter and raise any concerns, especially given the concerns that we have already raised in relation to the Community Boards failure to adequately communicate with all affected residents about the logging proposal.

Claire, Murray and I could then meet with you on Monday 25th to work through all issues. No commitments will be made with contractors etc until after our meeting.

Your statement regarding contractors is of concern, as this implies to the community that you have made a decision to go ahead with the logging despite all the issues that have been raised in letters from myself, Anne Braun Elwert and others. I will repeat again, it has not been established that you have the legal right to log in the forest if you are claiming to do so through the Existing Use Rights mechanism. The question of Existing Use Rights is still to be proven and if Council cannot operate under this framework, then it is our understanding that you must apply for resource management consent prior to any logging taking place as per the Resource Management Act.

With regards to the letter, I have had limited time to read it and write this reply, but in essence the main points I would raise are below:

- The letter implies that the Tekapo Community Board are the instigators of the decision to remove 'two areas' of pine trees. Is this accurate? Are you suggesting it is the Board's decision to remove the trees that are part of the commercial plantation that the Forestry Board wants to log for no other reason than revenue raising? Why is this fact omitted from the letter?
- The reference to the trees that 'will be logged by the Forestry Board'. Again, this implies the decision has been made and the Council has the legal right to do so. This is not the case and therefore this statement is misleading at the very least.
- You mention that after logging and replanting, the area 'will continue as a community asset for the benefit of future generations'. The area is already a community asset and the logging operation will destroy this very asset and to date, the community has no such assurances that it will be replanted in a manner that is satisfactory to restore its existing function as a recreation area.
- The map attached does not show where the existing walk/cycle track is in relation to proposed logging. It also does not show where any new track could be located to in areas that are not to be logged. I assume the younger pine trees which are not to be logged in this rotation would be logged at a future date, so will you be relocating the track again? When does the logging stop and can the community have any expectation that they will have a recreation area in perpetuity?
- Consultation with DOC is mentioned. Have they been consulted about removal of the existing track? Why would they consider funding another track if there are no guarantees that future logging will also result in loss of such a track, at their expense?
- I do not understand the statement about 'arrangements for trees at the start of the walking track to be retained'. What arrangements and with whom?
- With regard to the statement 'a suggestion has been made that the entire forest be turned into a reserve and trees left as they are'. Where are the figures that show the cost of maintenance, pest control and preventing fires in the reserve would be a 'heavy burden to ratepayers'. There has been very little, if any, weed and pest control undertaken in the reserve for many years and therefore this statement is an assertion that is not based on any facts or figures that we have seen. Once again, misleading.
- The statement about Forestry Boards plans meeting the needs of ratepayers 'in a financially sustainable way' is nonsense because you have no figures to back this up. A cost benefit analysis of all the options has not been undertaken and therefore this statement is also grossly misleading.

- What is meant by 'freeing up funding to spend on other walkways and improvements in the Tekapo township'? This is probably the most significant walkway in the township which links to village to Cowans Hill and the Scientific Reserve and Regional Park. What other walkways are being proposed? It seem to me that this is just another misleading statement to convince the community that this is the best decision, when in fact, there is no basis for this argument.

I'm happy to meet to discuss further and I appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Kind regards

Tracey

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Tracey & Wolfgang

The logo for Moonlight Bed and Breakfast. The word "Moonlight" is in a large, serif font, with a stylized sunburst or starburst graphic above the letter 'i'. Below "Moonlight" is the text "Bed and Breakfast" in a smaller, sans-serif font.

Tracey Bell & Wolfgang Maier

25 Murray Place

Rosemary Moran

From: Mackenzie District Mayor
Sent: Thursday, 14 February 2013 7:48 a.m.
To: Rosemary Moran
Subject: Fwd: Forest behind Murray Place

Here is one email

Claire Barlow
 Mayor
 Mackenzie District Council

Sent from my smartphone.

----- Original message -----

Subject: Forest behind Murray Place
From: stella sweney <stellasweney12@gmail.com>
To: Mackenzie District Mayor <mayor@mackenzie.govt.nz>, murray <m.cox@xtra.co.nz>
CC:

Dear Mayor Claire, Murray, MDC Councillors and Community Board Members

I am aware that discussions are being held regarding the future of the forest behind Murray Place in Lake Tekapo.

As a person who walks or cycles in this forest almost every day and as someone who regularly invites others to enjoy this lovely recreational area I am most concerned that one option being considered by the Council is so called clear felling. The results of clear felling can clearly be seen adjacent to the Tekapo hydro dam.. ugly scarred hillsides that lose all recreational appeal for many years to come.

The Council and ECAN have put considerable money into the Regional Park forest adjacent to the Lilybank Road and this is most welcome. However, in terms of current usage, the forest behind Murray Place has much higher use by both locals and visitors because of the Cowans Hill Walkway. I understand up to \$10-12000 has been spent by DOC developing this walkway that is so popular, second only to Mt John Walkway in usage. It would seem retrograde in terms of development for Lake Tekapo to clear fell the forest behind Murray Place. Some trees may need selective logging to ensure safety, particularly the older trees immediately south of Murray Place houses, and this area could be replanted with deciduous trees for long term benefit.

An access road way has already been bulldozed in to the forest; this may contravene the MDC plan by not going through the processes for a resource consent prior to this road way being put in. This forest has a recreational zoning and surely community consent is needed prior to any type of logging taking place. If the intention is to selectively fell trees for management of the forest this would no doubt be notified to residents, particularly those impacted by the logging (residents nearby and recreation users).

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It needs to be clarified whether this forest is a Forestry Board plantation, Council owned as a community resource, or managed by DOC on behalf of the Crown. It is clear that the current zoning is for recreation. I suggest the Council get feedback from both the community and tourism operators in terms of the value this forest park has for the future of Lake Tekapo.

Tekapo is establishing itself on the international stage with the Dark Sky Reserve status. Already bookings for night sky viewing have increased by more than 20%. Genesis and other hydro repair contractors are living in Tekapo for up to two years or more. They marvel at the natural beauty and delightful walkways enhanced by forest trails. Unsightly clear felling will damage this image, whereas careful forest management will enhance the experience of those who enjoy the spectacular views afforded by easy walking trails. I invite Mayor Claire, Council and Community Board members to walk from the bridge through the forest to Cowans Hill to fully appreciate the area prior to making any final decisions.

Personally (and on behalf of the many other walkers/cyclists) I would urge you ensure that this area is kept as recreational forest and managed as such.

Regards

Stella Sweney
1/8 Beauchamp Place
Lake Tekapo
03 6806222

Rosemary Moran

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Sent: Thursday, 14 February 2013 7:49 a.m.
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Subject: Fwd: Forest on the southern side of township

And another

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Subject: Forest on the southern side of township
From: Alpine Recreation <climb@alpinerecreation.com>
To: MURRAY COX <m.cox@xtra.co.nz>, Peter Maxwell <peter@alpinevista.co.nz>, Graeme Page <gjpage@xtra.co.nz>, Mackenzie District Mayor <mayor@mackenzie.govt.nz>, Graham Smith <grahamsmith@mackenzie.govt.nz>, John Bishop <johnbishop@mackenzie.govt.nz>, Annette Money <annettemoney@mackenzie.govt.nz>, Evan Williams <evanwilliams@mackenzie.govt.nz>
CC: PETER MUNRO <pete.marg@xtra.co.nz>, Alan Hayman <diane.alan@xtra.co.nz>, radlee@xtra.co.nz

Dear Community Board Members, the Forestry Board, the Mayor and Mackenzie District Councillors,

It is with some concern that I and other residents have noticed preparations for large-scale tree felling in the forest behind Murray Place. While there is no doubt a need for the removal of individual trees from time to time, if they pose a danger, I am strongly opposed to clear-felling in this plantation for the following reasons:

- 1) Because this plantation area has a REC P zoning the Council is probably **contravening its own District Plan** by putting in access ways for logging trucks without a resource consent. On page 9-32 of the District Plan it clearly states that the establishment of vehicle tracks is a discretionary activity in a REC P zone. The District Plan also states that the REC P zone requires activities not to exceed certain noise limits, otherwise they fall under the Controlled Activity category, which requires a resource consent. It would not be surprising if a chainsaw exceeds the decibel level specified!
- 2) It does not make sense to have a commercial forestry operation so close to a township, with all the attendant problems of dust, noise, weed infestation etc. When these trees were planted back in the 50's there were no residences close by. The Council has allowed houses to be built immediately adjacent to this plantation, and it is now time that it reviews whether it remains a production forest or simply remains as the popular and well-used recreational resource that it is. There are good reasons for the REC P zoning and the Council needs to go back and re-examine what those are - obviously they are in conflict with the requirements of a commercial plantation. The fact that the Forestry Board has had difficulty identifying an access track with the least amount of impact underlines how inappropriate it is to have a production plantation so close to a residential area.
- 3) Clear-felling in this forest would turn what is currently a very pleasant and well-used recreation area into a wasteland - unsightly for Tekapo when it is working hard to establish itself as a tourist destination.

- 4) DOC has invested time and resources establishing a very nice walkway through this forest, linking the township with Cowan's Hill and the Scientific Reserve. This walkway is used daily by locals and tourists.
- 5) The current forest provides a nice backdrop to the township and valuable wind protection from southerly and south-west winds, as well as hosting a surprising number of native birds, such as grey warblers and fantails (insect-eaters, which can thrive in an exotic forest).
- 6) It is good that the Community Board is pushing for amenity planting in areas that have been felled, but I must confess I'm a bit sceptical as to how successful that might be. Usually the soil where a mono-culture pine forest has been, will be quite acid and it can be difficult to grow plants other than pine trees again. * (See footnote.)
- 7) Tekapo does not have community facilities to the same extent as Fairlie and Twizel do, but what we do have is "natural" recreational assets such as our walkways and the Regional Council forest and this forest. The walkways and the forests, I'm sure, would not demand as much in maintenance, insurance and depreciation costs as do buildings containing recreational facilities.

My plea is for the Council to re-classify this forest as a recreation reserve and take it out of the portfolio of the Forestry Board. The Forestry Board struggles to fulfill their brief to make a financial return out of this plantation and the main value for the community is for recreation. The Council is already half-way there in recognising this recreational value in the fact that the forest is zoned REC P. Regardless of whether the Council might be transgressing its own District Plan rules I think common sense should prevail and as soon as possible this forest should be transferred from the Forestry Board's list of assets and recognised properly as a recreation reserve. As such it should receive an appropriate designation in the District Plan. It should be remembered that it is only the trees that the Council owns. The underlying land is Crown land, under DOC's jurisdiction, and is only vested in Council for plantation purposes.

Perhaps if there are plans in the future for the Regional Council to appoint a forest ranger to manage the Regional Council forest, then that same person could also be tasked with managing this plantation: to selectively log any dangerous trees close to the walkway, and to clear windfalls from tracks. Perhaps Council could draw on resources such as Periodic Detention workers to carry out pruning if necessary and removal of debris - as has happened in the past. This forest has been used for recreation for many years with very minimal financial input from Council. There is no reason why that should not continue and there are very many reasons why this valuable recreational resource should not be destroyed or disfigured.

I look forward to receiving a response to my comments and suggestions.

Many thanks for considering this letter.

Kind regards,
Anne Braun-Elwert

Footnote:

* This might not apply to the larch area around the lake, where the Lions have been removing trees. Here the trees were not so densely planted, water was close by and the soil appears to be better, so I'd love to see some amenity planting here. It would be highly appropriate, given its close proximity to the cemetery.



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From: Lyn <bruceandlynm@yahoo.co.nz>
To: 'murray' <m.cox@xtra.co.nz>, peter@alpinevista.co.nz, gpage@xtra.co.nz, Mackenzie District Mayor <mayor@mackenzie.govt.nz>, Graham smith <grahamsmith@mackenzie.govt.nz>, John Bishop <johnbishop@mackenzie.govt.nz>, annette money <annettemoney@mackenzie.govt.nz>, Evan Williams <evanwilliams@mackenzie.govt.nz>
CC: 'Peter & Margaret Munro' <pete.marg@xtra.co.nz>, diane.alan@xtra.co.nz, 'Ian Radford' <radlee@xtra.co.nz>

Dear Community Board Members, the Forestry Board, the Mayor and Mackenzie District Councillors,
 I write to express my concern over the proposed removal of trees from the forest behind Murray Place.
 My understanding is that the removal would be on a large-scale, therefore destroying the present recreational environment. The forest may have been planted as a production forest but, (1) housing has been allowed to develop in close proximity, and (2), time and resources have been spent making an excellent walkway/cycle way. The latter is a widely advertised village asset and used extensively by visitors and locals alike. It would seem as if Lake Tekapo was shooting itself in the foot if this amenity were to be destroyed. Tekapo residents and businesses are working hard to make our village a desirable destination rather than a stop-over between Wanaka and particularly Queenstown. Our point of difference is the Tekapo tranquility, our passive spaces – a chainsaw massacre must not be allowed to happen.

Some trees may need to be removed for various reasons, safety etc, and the method to be used is selective logging as almost any school student is able to describe. Clear felling may be quicker and cheaper – but short-sighted and destructive on so many levels.

In summary:

- Yes, to recreational activities in the area.
- No, to commercial logging.
- Yes, to selective logging.
- No, to clear felling.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Lyn Martin
45 Murray Place
Lake Tekapo

colin j. mac laren architect

B. Arch A. N. Z. I. A.

The Lake Tekapo Community Board

C/O Mackenzie District Council

Main St

Fairlie

Dear Mesdames/Sirs

Re: Forest on the South side of Murray PI Lake Tekapo

I am appalled to think that the Council is considering removing part or all of the forest on south side of Murray PI in a REC P Zone without any community consultation and I fully support the submission by Anne Braun Elwert.

It is very evident that a management plan for the REC P Zone needs to be done as soon as possible.

What is to happen to the larch area logged by Lake Tekapo Lions Club? Is it to be left as a waste land, replanted, made into a parkland with amenity planting?

I agree with the removal of the first row of old pines adjacent to Murray PI but who is going to remove all the tree rubbish and replant with amenity species?

The plantation is a major recreational area for residents and also stabilises the land and protects the village from southerly winds and unpleasant smells from the sewage treatment area.

DOC has spent a considerable amount of time and money in establishing the Cowans Hill walkway which passes through the forest. If the trees are removed it will become a walking track through a rubbish dump not a pleasant forest environment.

We need to collectively make decisions about these issues before 'bowling in' and removing this carbon absorbing and community resource for I suspect not a lot of financial return.

Also we need to look beyond the concept that a pine tree is only good for the miller's saw. Without the pine forest we have, which where planted by our ancestors, to stabilise the land and provide wind protection we would be a much poorer community.

The issue of trees for firewood is becoming a problem in our community and I believe we need to provide for this with areas of trees in selected areas which are not highly visible from the village. The REC P trees have a value far in excess of mere firewood and paper pulp.

Yours sincerely,
Colin MacLaren



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