



Overall Notes:

Hi Dr Nick Smith, Further to your recent announcements to protect our freshwater systems from further deterioration you have suggested that fencing is part of the solution, which I support. During our recent travels in the South Island over the last two years we have seen many kilometers of redundant internal fencing in a number of blocks of land that have come to the Crown as a result of tenure review. For example in the Hakatere and Oteake Conservation Parks there are many kilometers of fencing in reasonable condition that could be recovered and reused to protect some of our more sensitive waterways. This would be a win-win for DOC as old fences would be removed and the best wire and materials used to fence off land vulnerable to pollution and contamination by grazing animals. With the help and cooperation of Young Farmers groups and DOC materials could be recovered relatively easily if the right people were involved. This idea has already been canvassed with Lou Sanson but little has come of the idea so far. In my opinion more needs to be done to protect the quality of our freshwater resources, as time goes on, it will be another factor that says to the world we value our fresh water and are prepared to go to extraordinary lengths to protect these values on which so many people depend. Hope this idea resonates with you and your colleagues and we get to see some action. Your sincerely

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