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Mr George Ivey as representative for John Cowan  
By email: [george@glentanner.co.nz](mailto:george@glentanner.co.nz)

Dear Mr Ivey,

**Grazing concession in the Haast Valley – reconsideration**

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 2020.

You have asked for confirmation that the information you provided in your letter of 24 July 2020 has been read, understood and considered in the decision to accept your application for a reconsideration of the decision to impose fencing conditions on the true right of the Haast River.

Your letter of 24 July 2020 was attached to the memo that went to Lou Sanson so was considered in that context. The memo to Mr Sanson also included your comments on the draft memo dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020, and your letter regarding the costs and process addressed directly to Mr Sanson on the 24 July 2020. For clarity, I have attached the finalised memo provided to Mr Sanson and refer you to the appendices 1,2 and 7 to be assured we are referring to the same documents.

The fact remains that in order to reconsider the decision on fencing, there is still insufficient information. As you are aware, Mr Sanson requires advice from a farm adviser as to the feasibility of fencing or some other means of keeping stock from wandering into the adjoining conservation area.

I ask for your assistance in engaging with the farm adviser which will include a site visit, so a decision can be made within the next month. If you wish, you can also provide further information.

I reiterate that as with any grazing concession on public conservation land, the stock needs to be kept within the licence area. If it transpires that there are no means to do so, the concession that was granted to Mr Cowan will be of no effect as it was granted on the basis that the cattle must be so contained.

I appreciate that this matter has been drawn out longer than we all would have wished. We are presently working with a farm advisor on confirming some appropriate dates and you should expect to hear from us in the near future.

Ngā mihi,

Judi Brennan  
Permissions Manager  
Permissions Team Te Waipounamu Shared Service Centres