

D.—SCHEDULE SHOWING NATIVE AND PRIVATE LANDS THAT MIGHT BE RESUMED TO GIVE EFFECT TO PROPOSALS SKETCHED OUT BY CIRCULAR No. 507.

District.	Section.	Block.	Area.			Remarks.
			A.	R.	P.	
North Harbour and Blueskin	Part 21, parts 52, 60, and 62	XII., XI.	*50	0	0	This is private land on Mount Cargill, near Dunedin.
Ditto ...	1 of 27, 2 of 27, 3 of 27	IX.	91	3	9	Freehold land around Signal Hill, near Dunedin.
Dunedin and East Taieri	1 of 49	V.	33	2	17	Freehold land on Flagstaff Hill (Mount Waikari).
	2 of 35	"	31	1	7	
Ditto ...	Parts 71, 72, 76	"	*30	0	0	Freehold land on Nichol's Creek.
" ...	Parts 21A	VIII.	30	0	0	Freehold land on Saddle Hill (Pukemakamaka).
" ...	58	"	39	2	9	Part of Taieri Native Reserve, area 5 chains wide, fronting Taieri River, opposite Blocks B and C.
Otokia	B and C	*120	0	0	
Moeraki ...	1 of 65, 2 of 65	IV.	95	3	32	Puketapu Mount; freehold land near Palmerston.
North Harbour and Blueskin	Part 32,	II.	10	0	0	Freehold on bed of Carey's Creek, near Waitati.
	1 of 37	"	12	0	0	
Ditto ...	Part 59, part 60, and 63, 64, 65	IV.	*51	0	0	At present part of Purakanui Native Reserve, and traversed by Dunedin-Christchurch Railway.
Waikouaiti ...	24	I.	19	0	14	Freehold on bed of Carey's Creek, near Waitati.
	Part 22	"	20	0	0	
	Part 23	"	25	0	0	
	Parts 59, 60, 62, 63, 89	"	30	0	0	
Tautuku ...	10	IX.	154	3	12	Tautuku Peninsula; part of Native reserve.
" ...	2, 3	XIV.	984	3	24	Land for landless Natives.

* Approximate.

SIR,—

Queenstown, 5th May, 1902.

I have the honour to forward tracings showing certain reservations of forest lands I would recommend to be set apart in accordance with Circular No. 507.

I may state that most of our bushes in the vicinity of the lakes have already been reserved (see *Gazette*, 24th September, 1891); but, in addition to the above, I would recommend that Mount Alfred bush (situated in Blocks 3 and 4, Dart) should also be reserved, for should this bush be fired it would disfigure the whole district. I would also recommend that a reserve be continued ten chains on each side of the Routeburn up to its source. It is already reserved one mile and a half from the Dart. I do not think the reserving of any of these bushes would interfere with the settlers.

I can see little advantage to be gained in making reserves in the Hollyford Valley, as, with the exception of tourists, no one is in this locality.

I may also state that the bushes of any consequence adjoining Queenstown have been reserved to their source and given over to the Borough Council. I do not in the meantime remember any other bushes that would be of sufficient importance to reserve.

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Crown Lands Ranger.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin.

SIR,—

Pembroke, 19th April, 1903.

Regarding Circular No. 507, Preservation of Native Forests.

Locally, the contents of this circular apply in the following respects:—

The shores of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea are, unfortunately, scantily clad with bush—in fact, it only exists in the occasional gorges which run down to the lake, and along the shore there are occasional patches which, though small, greatly enhance the scenic effect. The temptation to cut these patches, they being so handy to the lake, is strongly felt by those who have no regard for beauty. It is only the fear of the law that prevents it being done. Away back in the main bush the cutting-down of young broadleaf-trees for the purpose of feeding cattle on the leaves is very prevalent, and very difficult of detection. I am pleased to say there is a resuscitation of plant-life to a certain extent here and there along the shores of the lake, and if this is guarded from the destroyer it will gradually grow into prominence again. In all applications I shall keep the contents of the circular before me.

ANDREW McDUGALL, Ranger.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin.