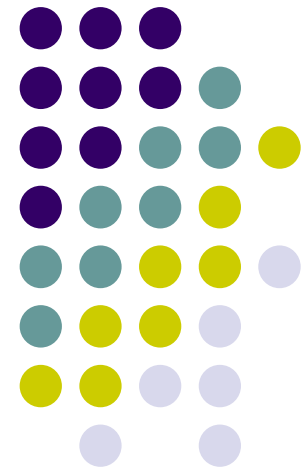


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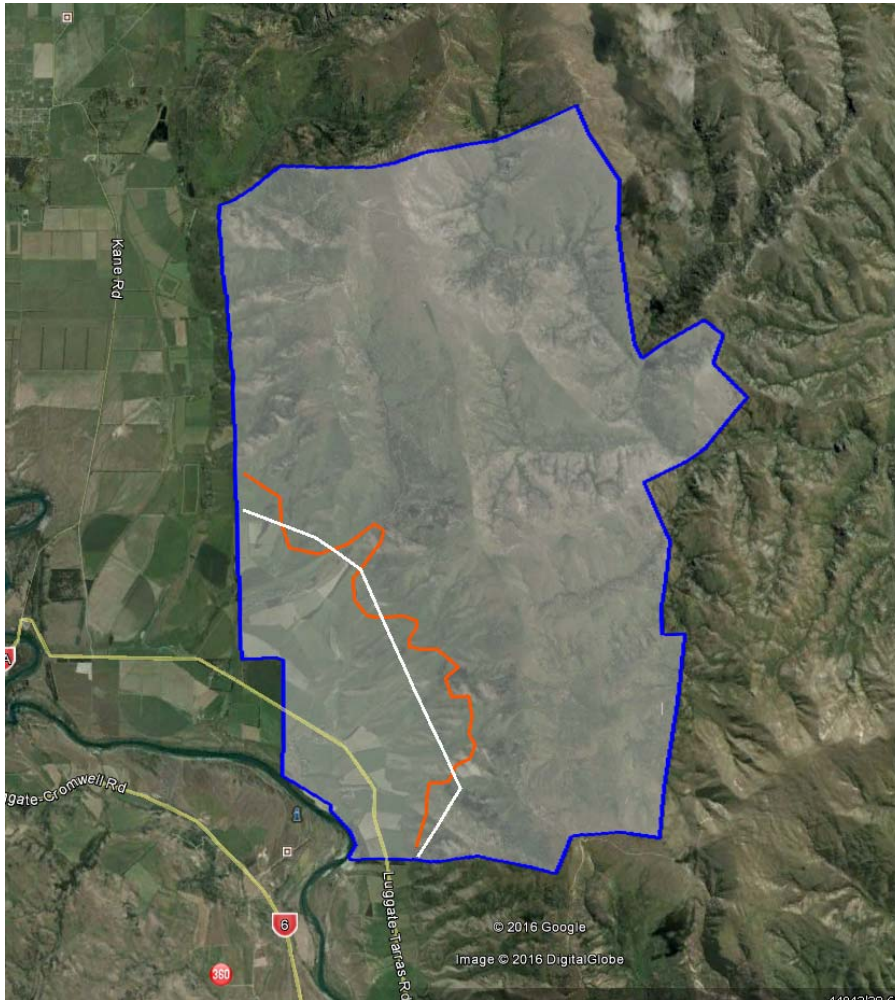


# Introduction

- 7 Points to address
- Questions



## 6.3.1.2 ONL Lines



- Do not support in current form because...
- Captures areas that;
  - Are not outstanding in any ecological way,
  - Have some of the least aesthetic values in the district
  - Encompasses many farm 'improvements'
- Lets redraw accurately, with some consultation

## 6.3.1.10

# Landscapes – objective



I support the objective. Farming has enormous net benefits to the district. Examples include:

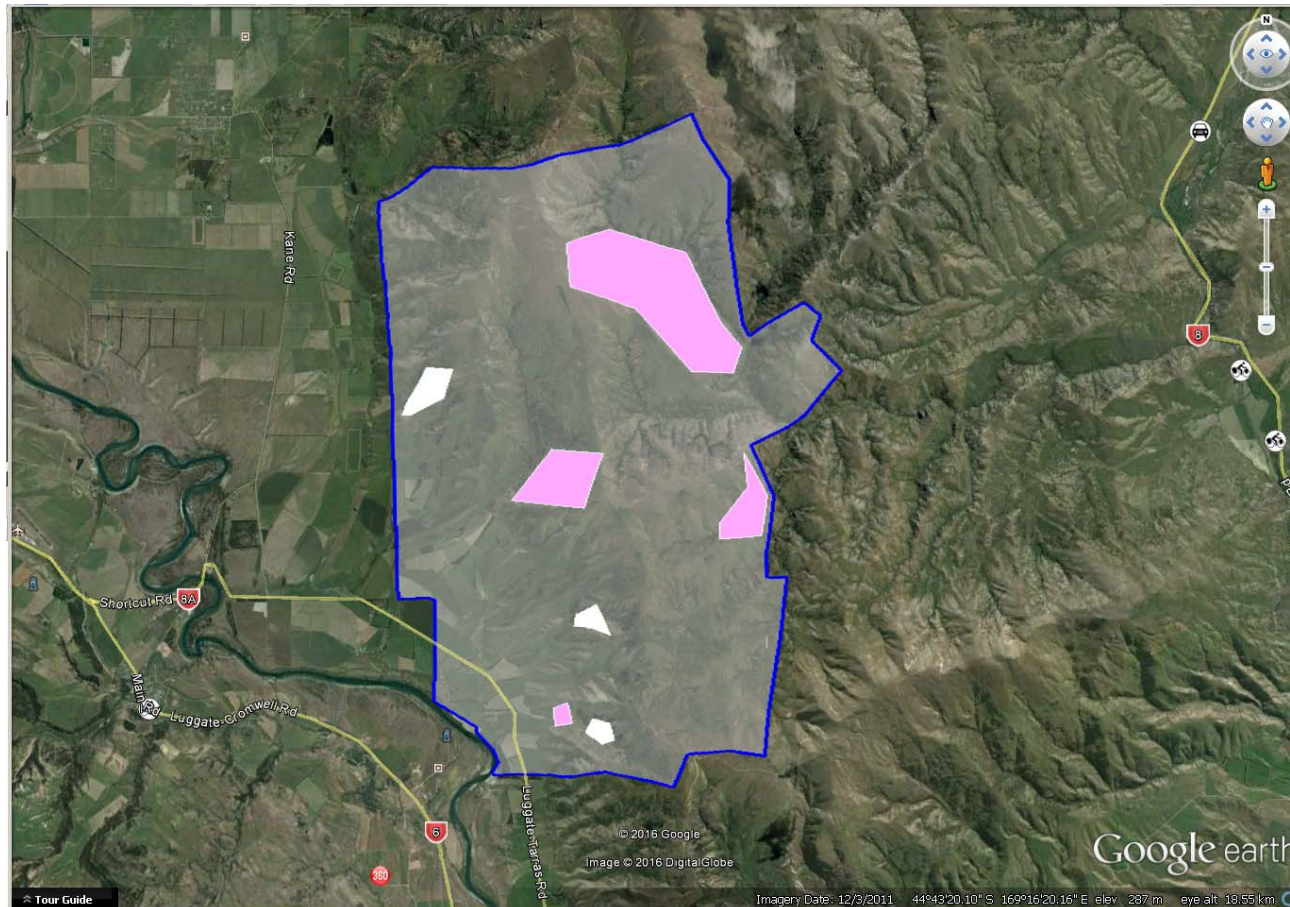
- Fertilizer application
  - Supports rapid growth of indigenous vegetation
- Weed control
  - Reduces competition from invasive weeds
- Pest control
  - Reduces erosion and turbid water
- Large farm investment / expenditure
  - Supports local people and local economy

# 33.8.1

## Identifiers E19A, E19B, and E19C



- Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) on Glenfoyle Station





Criteria	Criteria Met?	
Rarity	No	These sites are abundant throughout the district
Representative	No	The sites are not considered best representations of habitats that formally covered the district
Diversity	No	The areas do not support a highly diverse assemblage of indigenous vegetation and habitat types <i>Species diversity is relatively low.</i>
Distinctiveness	No	The areas do not provide habitats for indigenous species at their distributional limit. Vague reference to the eastern falcon?
Ecological context	No	Does not serve as a corridor between other SNA's (i.e., low connectivity values) <i>(part of and surrounded by extensive pastoral land.</i>
National priorities	No	None of the four national priorities listed are relevant to these areas.
<i>Threats</i>	No	<i>Current management is sympathetic to the kanuka woodland and grey shrub land on the property with low risk of clearance occurring.</i>
<i>Sustainability</i>	No	<i>The area appears to be sustainable under the current management regime.</i>

## 33.2.1.3 (and Table 2)

### Vegetation clearance in general



I do not support in current form because...

- The proposed rules are not practical from a practitioners perspective
- It won't necessarily result in the outcomes desired (and may in fact undermine the very outcomes sought)
- Imposes costs/ restrictions on landowners that are not at all in perspective with any potential benefits

# Farming favors IV thanks to



- Fences
- Fertilizer
- Pest control
- Weed control
- *The inherent values of IV also help*
- *As does the substantial cost of clearance (and the limited profitability of farming)*
- ***Glenfoyle station produces approx 120 ha's of IV every year at significant cost to glenfoyle but no cost to any other party***



Before Modern Farming Practices



approx 1970



Modern Farming



Before Modern Farming Practices



1958



Modern Farming



Google earth

Before Modern Farming Practices

approx 1970



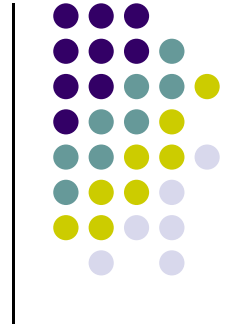
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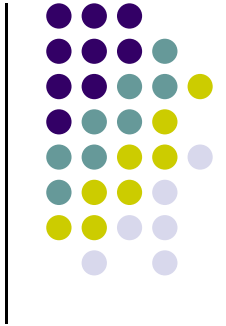


Before Modern Farming Practices

1958



Modern Farming





# Different types/ purposes of clearance

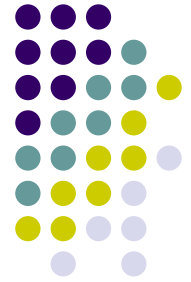


- Types of clearing
  - Burning, spraying, mulching, root raking, watering
- Purposes
  - Residential, industrial, paddocks, extensive grazing
- Degrees of clearance
  - Complete (incl. roots), topping or trimming,
  - incomplete only target certain species
- Scale of cleared land
  - small by farm standards or small by garden standards
- Duration – permanent or temporary

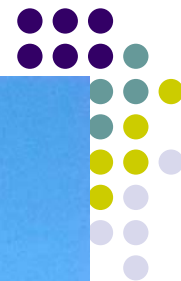




### 33.2.1.3 Vegetation clearance in general cont'd



- Impractical and uneconomic to clear little pockets all the time.
- Need to allow for 'larger scale' clearance that is for pastoral grazing purposes and is selective, and not permanent



### 33.2.1.3 Vegetation clearance in general cont'd



- Impractical and uneconomic to clear little pockets all the time.
- Clearance of IV at a farm appropriate scale that is for pastoral grazing purposes and is selective, and not permanent, must be a permitted activity.

# Policy 33.2.3.4 and 33.9

## Reference to LENZ



- Irrelevant – focus should be on protecting what's important, irrespective of where it is
- Inefficient – just another layer of complexity to complicate an already complicated process (and remember, complexity = cost).

# Policy 33.2.3.4 and 33.9 Reference to LENZ



- Inaccurate
- (level 4, less than 20 % coverage)





## 3.2.4.4 Exotic trees

- States - Avoid exotic vegetation with the potential to spread
- Lets focus on impacts, not activities.
- If I can manage my trees and not have them spread, let me have them.





## 21.2.3.1 Water

- This is the realm of the ORC and the community have gone to great lengths to work cooperatively with the ORC to come up with appropriate policies and rules to address water use and water quality management.
- Proposed QLDC rules will increase cost, complexity, confusion and frustration.



**Thank you**

