

# **MT CAVENDISH SCENIC RESERVE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A LICENCE TO GRAZE SHEEP**

Mt Cavendish Scenic Reserve is a reserve administered by the Christchurch City Council on behalf of the Department of Conservation under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977. Part of the reserve is leased to the gondola company. On the south side of the reserve there exists regenerating native bush, while on the northern face there are tussock grassland/ shrub land areas and some bluffs. The bluffs support a number of species that are rare in Canterbury, including rock ferns. As part of the Port Hills Reserves this Reserve is managed primarily for the conservation of indigenous species, recreation and visual values. To avoid further deterioration of indigenous vegetation the Council wants to grant a sheep-grazing licence as conservation based management tool, primarily to conserve the ecological values of the tussock grassland.

The Council invites proposals from interested parties for a licence to graze sheep on the land described in the schedule below for a maximum period of 5 years, effective from 1 July 2004. Any successful proposal will be subject to public notification and the provisions of Section 120 of the Reserves Act 1977, which enables any person or organisation to lodge an objection or submission to the proposal. Any objections or submissions must be in writing, and received by the Council no later than 28 January 2004. A Council hearings panel will consider any written objections and decide whether a grazing licence should be granted. . The Council will then consult with the Department of Conservation who will make the final decision on whether a grazing licence should be granted.

## **Schedule**

Approximately 35.2 hectares being part Lot 1 DP83474

Proposals are to be in accordance with the document entitled "Request for Proposals for Gazing Licence-Mt Cavendish Scenic Reserve dated January 2004(RFP 03/04-141) and must be received by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 January 2004.

To obtain a copy of the RFP document or further information from the Council's Parks and Waterways Unit, contact Tony Hallams Policy and Leasing Officer, telephone 941-8320 or Paul Devlin Head Ranger Port Hills, telephone 025-782-075 between 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.