



Submission to WCC PDP

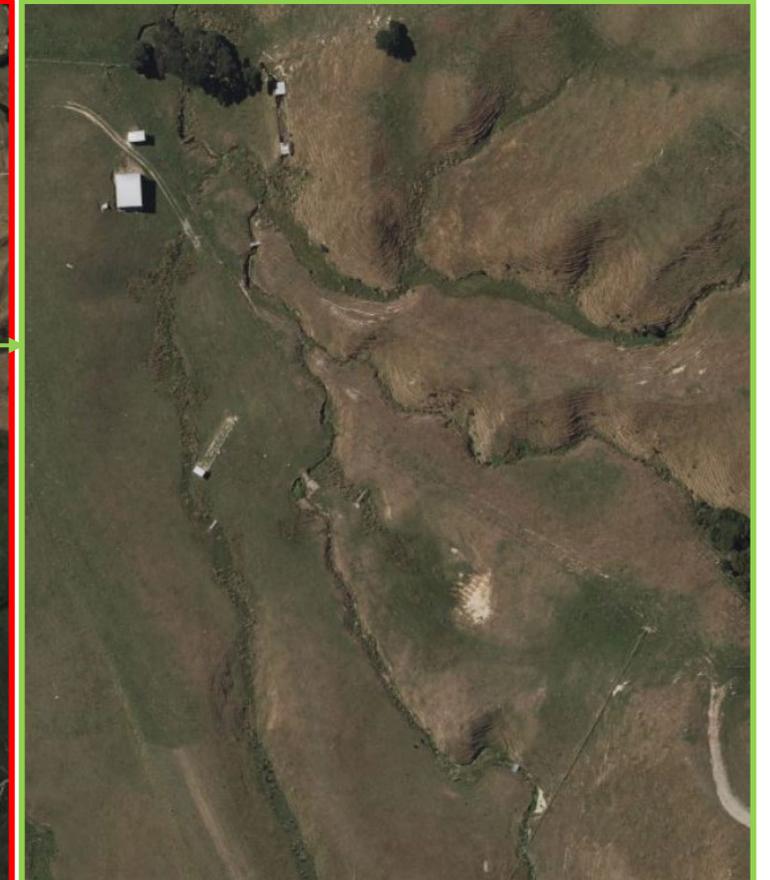
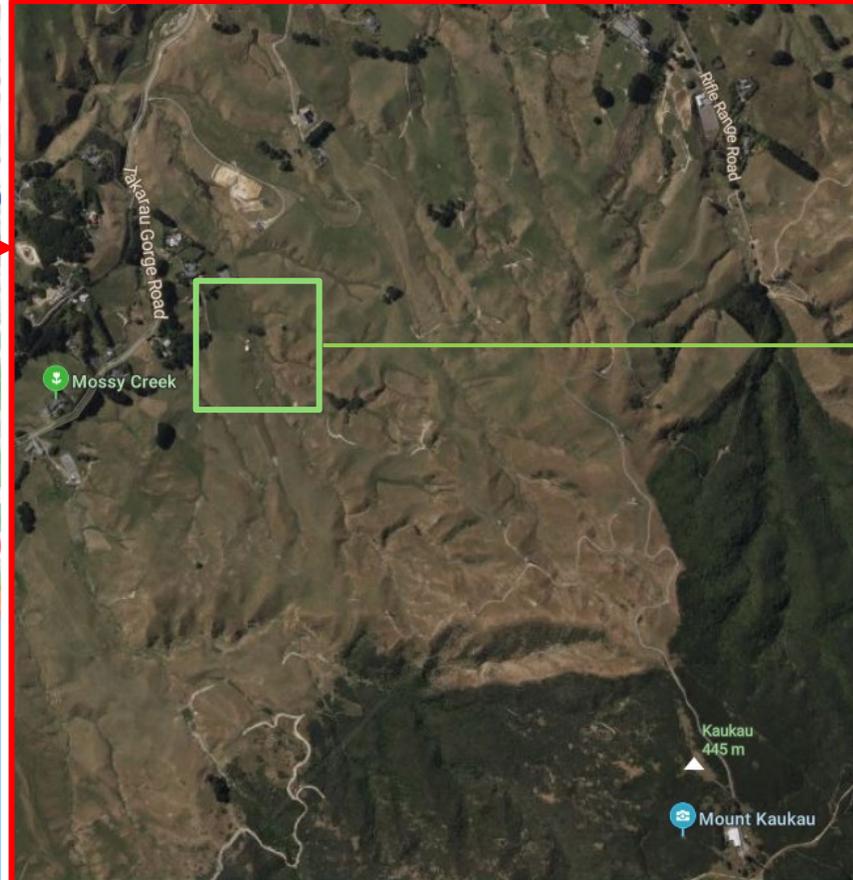
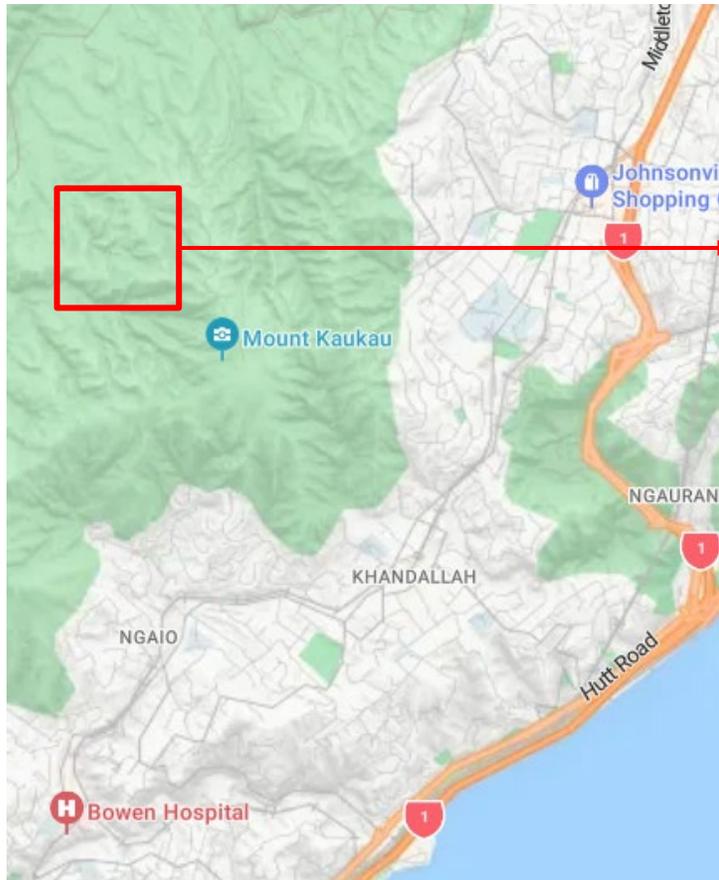
Wellington Branch of the NZ Deerstalkers Association

Purpose for submitting

- Protect the Hume Range from reverse sensitivity
- Protect existing use rights
- Secure the long-term future of the only police-certified centrefire range in Wellington
- Have the value of Hume Range to Wellington recognised:
 - A facility where firearm owners can participate in their chosen recreational pursuit and sport
 - A facility where safe and regulated firearm use can occur
 - A site with cultural and historic significance



Hume Range





SHOOTING RANGE CERTIFICATE

Range: NZDA WELLINGTON BRANCH, HUME RANGE 500M RIFLE RANGE
Situated at: 211 TAKARAU GORGE ROAD, OHARIU, WELLINGTON CITY 6037
Grid reference: E 1747893 N 5435019

By the authority delegated to me by the Commissioner of Police pursuant to section 72 of the Arms Act 1983, I approve the use of NZDA WELLINGTON BRANCH, HUME RANGE 500M RIFLE RANGE operated by NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION (WELLINGTON BRANCH) INC. for the purposes of conducting shooting activities under section 38A of the Arms Act 1983.

Range Description:

500 metre, Outdoor, Reduced Danger Area Range

Mandatory Conditions:

1. This range certification is subject to compliance with the Shooting Range Standing Orders dated 01/05/2023 provided to Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority.
2. Any proposed change to the Range Standing Orders must first be consulted with Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority and, if any approved change(s) are made, a copy of the amended version of the Range Standing Orders must be provided to Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority.
3. Any proposed change to the range design or construction must be notified to and consented by Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority prior to any change.

Restrictions and conditions of use:

- RESTRICTIONS:
 - Rifle calibres up to and including .338 only, are permitted.
 - Rifles firing pistol calibre cartridges up to 0.44 magnum are permitted. (50m firing line Only)
 - Airguns are permitted (50m firing line Only)
- CONDITIONS:
 - When using the 50m firing line range users must position themselves to the left hand side of the firing line to avoid cross-fire.
 - All firing lines bar the 50m firing line are to be closed.
 - Cones and warning signs are to be erected to prevent access to the range hut and other ranges.
 - Only supported firing positions are permitted. (200m-500m firing lines Only).
 - A red flag is to be erected on the firing line.
 - Use of the 300m and 500m ranges is restricted to organised branch shoots only.

Certificate expiry date is 20/12/2028

Inspector Peter Baird
Manager
Compliance and Resolutions

20/12/2023

SHOOTING RANGE CERTIFICATE

Range: NZDA WELLINGTON BRANCH, HUME RANGE 50M RUNNING BOAR RANGE
Situated at: 211 TAKARAU GORGE ROAD, OHARIU, WELLINGTON CITY 6037
Grid reference: E 1747893 N 5435019

By the authority delegated to me by the Commissioner of Police pursuant to section 72 of the Arms Act 1983, I approve the use of NZDA WELLINGTON BRANCH, HUME RANGE 50M RUNNING BOAR RANGE operated by NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION (WELLINGTON BRANCH) INC. for the purposes of conducting shooting activities under section 38A of the Arms Act 1983.

Range Description:

50 metre, Outdoor, No Danger Area Range

Mandatory Conditions:

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 - Airguns are permitted.
- CONDITIONS:
 - The range may not be used while the 25m range is in use. The 25m zeroing range will have priority of use.
 - The Range Officer should be consulted prior to use of the range.
 - No more than two shooters may use the range at one time.
 - If two shooters are using the range at one time, one will act as a Range Officer.
 - Shooters may fire from within the block house or in front. If two shooters are using the range, both must be firing from the same point.
 - Additional hearing protection is recommended (ear plugs and ear defenders) if firing from within the block house.

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Hume Range history

- Officially opened in 1957 on Rifle Range Road
- Offers multiple shooting disciplines:
 - Pistol
 - Clay bird
 - Running Boar
 - 50,100, 200, 300 & 500m
- Host of numerous national and regional shooting competitions
- First Olympic standard running boar range in NZ
- Graeme McIntyre represents NZ at 1972 and 1976 Olympics
- Mayor Frank Kitts served as branch patron & longtime range user
- Used by Scout groups, Police, Wellington Zoo staff & Arms Offenders Squad



Range activities

- Firearms safety training
- HUNTS course training
- Scouts target shooting
- Sighting in rifles (ethical shooting)
- Competition & sports shooting
- Target shooting
- Recreation – supporting the social wellbeing and mental health of our members



Community service

- Fully certified shooting range
- Only shooting range in the Wellington District
- HUNTS and firearm safety training
- Trained range officers
- Accessible to the community
- Host to scout groups
- Rifle sighting – supporting local & regional conservation & biodiversity strategies
- A sporting and recreational facility free of charge to WCC ratepayers
- Supporting cultural and mental wellbeing



What is the alternative?

- What happens in a world where the range does not exist?
 - How will people access a range, and will it be safe?
 - How easy will it be to establish a range elsewhere?
 - How will WCC support its community who choose to undertake this sport?



Summary

- The Hume Range provides a valuable community service, supporting a variety of activities
- Established in 1957, it boasts a rich & long history, with no major incidents
- A specific provision needs to be included in the District Plan to safeguard the long-term future of the Hume Range
- What is the alternative? A Wellington with no range?

