

16 December 2021

To whom it may concern

Re: Farm access tracks on Gleeson property in Huntly – further explanation

Gleeson's have asked me to provide extra information to my letter dated 13th November 2020 with regards to the purpose of the 3 ponds on what others sometime refer to as "the Payne block" and what Gleeson's refer to as gully 2, gully 3 and gully 4.

It was my uncle Phil who built these dams in gully 2 and gully 4 specifically to create a pond for stock to have water to drink. I believe this was in the 1950's. At this time there was no water pump or troughs.

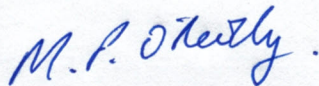
The land has always been dry and there were no other ponds or wet areas nearby. Sheep could drink from the newly built ponds and my uncle Phil made the pond in gully 4 sufficiently large so that he could shoot ducks on it. Duck shooting was the secondary reason he built the dam and pond in gully 4.

Fill area 3 is an old fill site for mine tailings filled by State Coal, as is well documented. The gully was eventually capped and returned as stock pasture. The pond was created later for the stock to drink from.

All 3 ponds and surrounding wetted areas were man made for stock water for farming, and also for duck shooting which my uncle Phil enjoyed.

Any clarification, please call me on 0274 535 393

Thanks

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. P. O'Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Mike O'Reilly