

## APPENDIX 2 - LETTER TO LANDOWNERS REGARDING PASTURES

Dear Landowner,

As you are probably aware, the Lexton Landcare Group would like to determine the relative proportions of improved and unimproved pastures which exist within the Landcare Group boundaries.

I am compiling information on their behalf and would be grateful if you could spend just 10-15 minutes of your time to provide the Group with some basic information on the status of pastures on your property.

Accordingly I request that you do two things:

1. Sketch a map of your property showing, with reasonable accuracy, the boundaries of your paddocks, approximate area of each paddock (optional) (in acres or hectares) and;
2. consider the pasture within each paddock and rank them using the following categories:

**Category A – Improved pasture:** pasture consisting of good cover of establishment perennials (e.g. phalaris, cocksfoot, ryegrass) and clovers.

### **Category B<sup>+</sup> or B<sup>-</sup> - Semi improved pasture**

**B<sup>+</sup>** being pasture with perennials and clover and a low proportion of annual species present.

**B<sup>-</sup>** being pasture with some perennials and/or clover and a high proportion of annual species present.

**Category C – Unimproved pasture:** an area where some fertilizer may have been added in the past and grows native grasses, trees, ferns, scrub, rushes or tussocks, and volunteer annual grasses and herbs.

To enable me to plot this information onto a map of the Lexton Landcare Group area, be sure to include 2 or 3 identifiable landmarks on your map i.e. road intersection, distance from road intersection, hill name, creek, etc. as shown in the example.

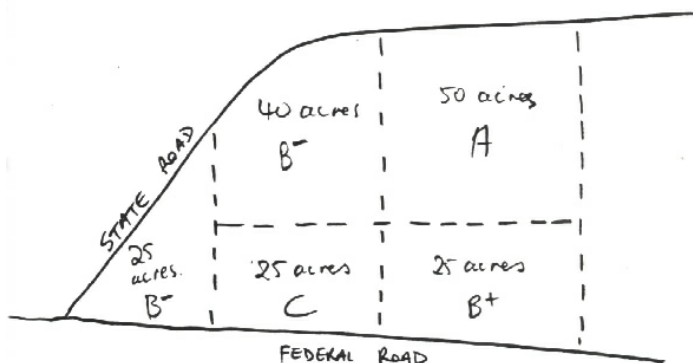
The topographic maps I am using show fence boundaries on all properties, therefore IU can easily transfer your information onto my map providing your sketch adequately reflects your location.

Please find enclosed a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience. I would appreciate as many responses to be returned as early as possible.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me after hours on (053) 456 407.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,  
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