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— Outstanding Natural Character Area
— High Natural Character Area



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

Landforms | prominent ridgeline characterised by escarpments, rocky shoals and outcrops terminating with Preece Point, a distinctive rock feature. The tidal mudflats of the inner Coromandel Harbour provide contrast with the moderate relief of the landform.

Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns | several patches of regenerating bush, including Kanuka and Pohutakawa reinforce the underlying topography. This is interspersed with pasture and several stands of exotic trees including conifers and Eucalyptus which starts to affect the intactness of the vegetation patterns.

Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies | intact tidal flats contrast with the sudden rise in elevation of the peninsula, amplifying the prominence of landform. The estuarine environment imparts a strong sense of naturalness due to evident natural processes.

Land Uses / Activities / Structure | despite the presence of a marine farm, dwellings, wilding pines and pasture, the peninsula retains a sense of naturalness due to vegetation patterns, intact landform and strong relationship with the Coromandel Harbour.

Habitat Value | intact tidal flats, indigenous vegetation cover, sheltered bays and the rocky shoreline provide a range of habitat opportunities.

Natural Processes | exposed volcanic rock is expressive of formative processes whilst the extensive intertidal harbour areas comprise mudflats expressive of tidal inundation.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics

Very Low.....Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness | the patterns of regenerating vegetation and strong engagement with the vast intertidal flats imbue a sense of rawness and wildness to the coastal environment.

Experiential Attributes | the exposed nature of the peninsula landform and interaction with the more enclosed dynamic tidal variations of the Coromandel Harbour impart a sense of naturalness.

Context / Setting | the peninsula is an isolated area of regenerating forest with a rural outlook. Despite this the strong relationship to the wider Coromandel Harbour retains a sense of naturalness.

Transient / Dynamic Attributes | engagement with the dynamic ebb and flow of the Harbour and ephemeral qualities resulting from atmospheric conditions, variations of day / year, tide and wildlife.

Night-time Values | presence of dwellings, a marine farm and proximity to SH25 has started to affect the perceived intactness of the coastal environment due to exposure to light.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

Very Low.....Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

HIGH