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— Outstanding Natural Character Area  
— High Natural Character Area



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

**Landforms** | coastal orientated foothills with medium relief. The adjacent Colville Road has resulted in cut escarpments to the coastal edge of the character unit which starts to impact the intactness of the landform. Valleys and ridgelines are expressive of formative processes creating a sense of naturalness.

**Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns** | remnant and regenerating Pohutakawa forest flank the hill slopes giving way to pasture in places. Windswept pioneer species cling to ridgelines and steep coastal facing slopes. The vegetation is highly expressive of aspect and the underlying landform with large podocarp species in sheltered valleys.

**Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies** | the flat nature of the sea amplifies the relief of the landform.

**Land Uses / Activities / Structure** | the character unit is dissected by powerlines, and contains dwellings and associated driveways which starts to effect the intactness of the natural environment.

**Habitat Value** | mature coastal forest and landform including valleys and ridgelines provide varied habitat as well as connection and proximity to Tawhetarangi Stream.

**Natural Processes** | exposed rock is expressive of volcanic formative processes. The landform and coastal exposure are reinforced by vegetation patterns.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics

Very Low.....Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

**Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness** | presence of driveways, powerlines and modification to landform is starting to effect the perceived intactness of the coastal environment as a whole.

**Experiential Attributes** | the exposed nature of the landform reinforced by vegetation patterns, and atmospheric conditions impart a sense of naturalness.

**Context / Setting** | whilst proximity to dwellings, and nearby roads is apparent the natural and ephemeral qualities of the Tawhetarangi Stream network and the strong relationship to the Hauraki Gulf provide a sense of naturalness.

**Transient / Dynamic Attributes** | highly atmospheric interaction with the Hauraki Gulf, affected by weather and light conditions, time of the year / day.

**Night-time Values** | a degree of naturalness is derived from limited exposure to lights given the absence of dwellings and structures within the unit, however proximity to dwellings and roads at Amodeo Bay does start to affect the perceived intactness of the coastal environment.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

Very Low.....Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

**HIGH**