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— Outstanding Natural Character Area
— High Natural Character Area



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

Landforms | intact landform exhibits strong relief. The unit lies on the coastal edge of the greater Moehau Range consisting of ridgelines, hollows and valleys with coastal facing slopes.

Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns | consistent indigenous vegetation cover across the character area reflects underlying topography and comprises native remnant and regenerating coastal forest. The wind swept nature of the vegetation coupled with the complexity of plant communities impart a high degree of naturalness.

Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies | the flat expanse of the Firth of Thames amplifies the relief and prominence of the coastal slopes.

Land Uses / Activities / Structure | the unit is devoid of built form and therefore imparts a high degree of naturalness.

Habitat Value | low modification, extensive forest cover and landform including valleys, ridgelines, streams and coastal slopes provide varied habitat.

Natural Processes | coastal landforms. Interplay of indigenous forest with regeneration shrublands and exposed slopes reinforce areas of coastal erosion and stream entrenchment.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics

Very Low.....Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness | despite the rural outlook, the extensive vegetation cover and the expressive nature of the underlying landform imbues a sense of wildness.

Experiential Attributes | the scale and dramatic vertical relief of the landform flanked by extensive indigenous forest impart a high degree of naturalness.

Context / Setting | rural outlook is subservient to the contiguous sequence of indigenous forest that flanks the Moehau Range.

Transient / Dynamic Attributes | the elevated landform and the exposed aspect make the unit highly receptive to atmospheric conditions. The streams display ephemeral qualities which vary during seasons and weather patterns.

Night-time Values | a high degree of naturalness is derived from limited exposure to lights given the absence of dwellings and structures within the unit. Proximity to Port Jackson Road and dwellings at Otautu Bay 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**