



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

Landforms | intact landform with medium relief located behind Waiomu township. The unit lies on a prominent ridgeline west of the main Coromandel Range with coastal slopes extending down towards the Firth of Thames.

Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns | a sequence of remnant and regenerating coastal forest reflects underlying topography. Wilding pines apparent in places.

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

Land Uses / Activities / Structure | devoid of buildings and structures; although adjacent driveways, road corridors, power lines and pastoral land cover impact on the cohesion and naturalness of the coastal environment.

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

Natural Processes | coastal landforms expressive of volcanic formative processes. Vegetation patterns reinforce underlying topography.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics



Perceptual Characteristics

Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness | whilst the unit is devoid of buildings and structures, the nearby dwellings, pastoral landuse, wilding pines and altered landform reduce the sense of wilderness.

Experiential Attributes | the landform, vegetation patterns and connection with the Firth of Thames impart a sense of naturalness.

Context / Setting | perceived against Waiomu settlement to the north and separated from extensive forests which cover the Coromandel Range, the cohesion of the coastal environment is reduced.

Transient / Dynamic Attributes | the elevated landform and the exposed slopes make the unit receptive to atmospheric conditions. The stream displays ephemeral qualities which vary during seasons and weather patterns.

Night-time Values | a degree of naturalness is derived from limited exposure to lights given the absence of dwellings and structures within the unit. Proximity to SH25 and dwellings at Waiomu does start to affect the perceived intactness of the coastal environment.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics



Overall Natural Character Evaluation

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

