



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

Landforms | intact hill country characterised by an assemblage of prominent ridgelines, hill slopes and deeply incised valleys, flanked by extensive indigenous forest. The landform exhibits strong relief expressive of formative processes and lies on the coastal edge of the greater Moehau Range.

Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns | extensive windswept Manuka is expressive of coastal exposure and reinforces the topography and pronounced relief of the landform.

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 | aside from a few small areas of pasture at the edges of the unit the landform and vegetation cover are largely unmodified imparting 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 | the underlying landform is expressive of formative processes coupled with natural erosion.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics



Perceptual Characteristics

Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness | the extensive vegetation cover and the ledgible landform imbues a sense of wilderness and isolation. This is further enhanced through absence of sealed roads, the windswept nature of the vegetation and connection to the wider Moehau Range.

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

Context / Setting | while adjacent pasture and farming activities are noticeable they remain subservient in the context of the wider landscape.

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 a few nearby dwellings will have minimal effect on night-time values.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics



Overall Natural Character Evaluation

HIGH

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)