



**NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE**

**Biophysical Characteristics**

**Landforms** | intact landform with strong relief meets pastoral hills and valleys. The landscape comprises an assemblage of prominent ridgelines and steep valleys flanked by extensive indigenous forest.

**Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns** | vegetation patterns and the windswept nature of coastal exposed slopes reinforce the natural processes and underlying landform. In places, regenerating forest cover gives way to pasture on ridgelines.

**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** | while adjacent pasture and farming activities are noticeable, they remain subservient in the context of the wider landscape.

**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 legibility of 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 forest 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**

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

**HIGH**