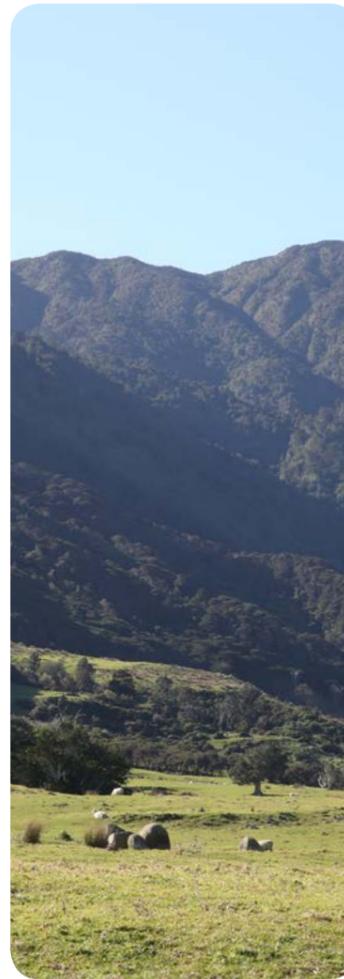




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— Outstanding Natural Character Area  
— High Natural Character Area



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

**Landforms** | dynamic landform with moderate relief falling to coastal flats. The landform comprises an assemblage of prominent ridgelines and steep valleys.

**Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns** | Ongohi Stream is shrouded in native vegetation whilst the remaining areas of the low lying valley surrounds are predominantly pasture. This pasture transitions to native forest on steeper slopes.

**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** | areas of pasture 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

Very Low.....Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

**Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness** | presence of farming activities limit the perception of naturalness however given the remote location and the strong sense of exposure to the elements, there is 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** | while adjacent pasture and farming activities are noticeable they remain 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 a few nearby dwellings will have minimal effect on night-time values.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

Very Low.....Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

**HIGH**