



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

- Landforms** | a complex intact coastline featuring exposed coastal slopes and headlands which meet escarpments, outcrops and rocky shoals. Kaiti Point demarks the south eastern reaches of Port Jackson.
- Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns** | the unit lacks vegetation with the exception of scattered, stunted Pohutakawa expressive of exposure.
- Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies** | dramatic engagement with the Hauraki Gulf and Pacific Ocean, a result of the contrast of the flat sea with the sudden rise in landform.
- Land Uses / Activities / Structure** | despite pastoral land use, naturalness is retained through legibility of landform and absence of dwellings and structures.
- Habitat Value** | landform including valleys, ridgelines, coastal slopes, and the rocky shoreline provide varied habitat.
- Natural Processes** | natural qualities are clearly evident in the intact landform and its strong relationship to the Hauraki Gulf and Pacific Ocean. Exposed rock faces are expressive of underlying geology and formative processes.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics

 Very Low.....Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

- Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness** | while the land cover is pastoral, the weathered landform and isolation from large numbers of dwellings provide a strong sense of wilderness.
- Experiential Attributes** | dramatic relief of the landform and exposure impart a high degree of naturalness.
- Context / Setting** | the character unit is outward facing to the Hauraki Gulf and Pacific Ocean beyond enhancing the strong sense of isolation. The hill country connects to the wider pastoral landscape which contains regenerating vegetation and minimal dwellings and structures adding to the sense of wilderness.
- 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 lack of structures within the unit. Proximity to Port Jackson Road will have minimal effect on night-time values.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

 Very Low.....Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation HIGH
 (Biophysical and Perceptual Values)