RAUPOROA BAY & TE ANAPUTA POINT

UNIT NO: 44

Outstanding Natural Character Area
High Natural Character Area

NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

Landforms | coastal slopes on the outer edge of the Moehau Range characterised by ridgelines, headlands, cliffs, bluffs, rocky outcrops and shoals providing strong engagement with the ocean.

Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns | pastoral land cover interspersed with windswept pioneering species clinging to coastal cliffs; reinforcing the exposure and rawness of the landscape.

Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies | steep relief of the landform has dramatic engagement with the Pacific Ocean.

Land Uses / Activities / Structure | despite pasture cover the unit imparts a sense of naturalness from intact landform and engagement with the ocean.

Habitat Value | coastal slopes, escarpments and the rocky shore of the Coastal Marine Area provide for habitat opportunities.

Natural Processes | the steep dramatic coastline is highly expressive of coastal exposure and tidal interaction evident through, sheer cliffs, exposed eroding slopes, rocky beaches, outcrops, shoals and islands.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics

Very Low...................Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness | strong relationship to the Ocean and intact landform impart a high degree of wildness.

Experiential Attributes | wind swept vegetation and coastal erosion reinforce the exposure and rawness of the landscape and provide a strong sense of isolation.

Context / Setting | slopes oriented towards the wider expanse of the Pacific Ocean enhance the strong sense of isolation. Similarly, the backdrop of the Moehau Range enhances the sense of naturalness.

Transient / Dynamic Attributes | elevated landform and the exposed aspect make the unit highly receptive to atmospheric conditions. Rocky shoals and islands change with the ebb and flow of the ocean imparting a strong sense of naturalness.

Night-time Values | absence of dwellings and structures both within and in proximity to the character unit impart a high degree of naturalness at night. Views of the night sky will be clear with absence of light pollution.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

Very Low...................Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation
(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

HIGH