



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

**Landforms** | highly prominent headland feature characterised by its elevated landform and exposed basalt based rocky escarpments and wave cut platform.

**Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns** | contiguous coverage of remnant and regenerating indigenous coastal forest that adjoins the coastal edge to the Pacific Ocean. Mature pohutukawa characterise the immediate coastal edge of the headland landform.

**Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies** | the coastal environment is strongly focused towards the expansive Pacific Ocean due to its exposure, orientation and apparent wave action along its margins.

**Land Uses / Activities / Structure** | devoid of structures / buildings, although a gravel access road wraps around the seaward edge of the headland which remains subservient in the context of the surrounding landform, patterns, and processes.

**Habitat Value** | ranges of coastal habitat due to the established nature and sequence of vegetation from coastal scrub through to remnant indigenous vegetation on elevated coastal slopes.

**Natural Processes** | the interplay of vegetated coastal slopes, prominent craggy features, and the tidal open waters of the Pacific Ocean are expressive of the landscapes highly dynamic nature.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics



Perceptual Characteristics

**Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness** | the absence of modification, contiguous swathe of coastal forest and scrubland on exposed coastal slopes, terminating with jagged rocky outcrops and coastal bluffs, accentuates the landscapes pronounced relief and imparts a strong sense of wildness.

**Experiential Attributes** | very dramatic landform, with exposed slopes that dynamically interact with the Pacific Ocean. A sequence of headlands and bays that have a clear structure and pattern, which is positively reinforced by vegetation patterns.

**Context / Setting** | visual and physical connections with adjoining areas of coastal forest and hill country and relatively isolation from modification enhances perceptions of remoteness.

**Transient / Dynamic Attributes** | highly atmospheric interaction with Pacific Ocean and tidal influence on embayment's and rock platforms affected by weather and light conditions, time of year / day.

**Night-time Values** | absence of lighting across the unit as a whole, and isolation from nearby settlement enhances perceived intactness of the coastal environment.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics



Overall Natural Character Evaluation

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

**HIGH**