

39. WAIAU RIPARIAN MARGIN



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Riparian edge of the Waiau River between Lake Te Anau and Lake Manapouri. Sinuous and steep scarp river terrace separates river from riparian margins. Vegetation cover is dominated by beech forest and regenerating manuka/kanuka scrubland. At least three public roads appear to cross this unit including an access road to one end of the Kepler track.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- High terrace scarps dropping down to Waiau River
- Indigenous riparian vegetation

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: dynamic river processes and patterns, including small wetland areas; riparian vegetation

Cultural Factors: access roads and carpark areas

Quality/Condition: Some bush/scrubland areas appear to have been cut over in the past howDramatic terrace

Aesthetic Factors: scarps and attractive riparian vegetation in places

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

Visibility: Some areas within unit visible from access roads and carparks, other parts visible from Manapouri-Te Anau Highway. Bush contains and restricts views

Populations: Anglers, trampers and other recreational visitors; travellers along highway.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Riparian edge to Waiau River and recreational resource
- Indigenous riparian vegetation

