

21. UPUKERORA RIVER



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

This large, semi-braided river flows into Lake Te Anau. Although the river flows through a modified context of willows, pasture, farms, lifestyle blocks and new subdivisions (particularly as it nears the mouth), natural patterns and processes remain high.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Semi-braided river

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: Natural river patterns and processes

Cultural Factors: Influences of farming, outskirts of Te Anau and new subdivisions

Quality/Condition: Some modified riparian edges however retains high level of intactness

Aesthetic Factors: Attractive natural feature

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY LOW

Visibility: Public viewpoints generally limited to river-mouth area: new subdivision (LCA 22), bridge on Te Anau-Milford Highway and a few side roads along the river ie. to oxidation ponds.

Populations: Apart from those travelling across the bridge and adjacent property owners, viewing populations are likely to be largely anglers and hunters

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Important natural feature and recreational resource

