

16. WHITESTONE/MARAROA PLATEAU



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Large glacial outwash deposit bordered by the Whitestone and Mararoa Rivers. Many gentle knolls and gullies - similar to landscape unit 16 but flatter. Vegetation is dominated by modified pasture, exotic forestry and shelterbelts and is mostly farmed. Views are possible in many directions and for considerable distances although undulating topography provides good absorption capability.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- High plateau rural working landscape
- Excellent elevated views

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY LOW

Natural Factors: Outwash terrace; dominated by exotic vegetation; few wetland areas and pockets of bush

Cultural Factors: Farming land use patterns; fields defined by shelterbelts

Quality/Condition: Typical modified rural character

Aesthetic Factors: Pleasant rural character, elevated and open, with interesting variation of dips and knolls within charming 'plateau' landform.

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY LOW

Visibility: Open elevated character but shelterbelts and dips and rises provide good absorption capability. Some areas visible from parts of SH 94, Wilderness, Whitestone and Lynwood Rds.

Populations: SH 94 carries large volume but other roads generally limited to local traffic

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Scale of plateaued glacial landform and pleasant rural character
- Large wetland north of Lynwood Road protected by QEII covenant and Old Lynwood Homestead site identified as Reserve in SDCP

