

33. TE ANAU TERRACES



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Distinctive series of terraces south of Te Anau, either side of SH 94. A gentle northwest oriented slope, towards the lake shore. Previously predominantly grazed, quite intensive farmland with exotic shelterbelts dividing paddocks. However, increasing development of large subdivisions in this area is altering balance of land use.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Series of long, linear terrace escarpments
- Recent subdivision development

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY LOW

Natural Factors: Terrace escarpments

Cultural Factors: Roads, subdivision infrastructure and housing, remaining farming patterns

Quality/Condition: Highly modified though escarpments generally remain legible

Aesthetic Factors: Attractive, legible scarp features and pleasant rural-residential outskirts though quantity, density and location of new subdivisions could alter current balance once housing is built

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY LOW but visually sensitive escarpments

Visibility: Would be highly visible from SH 94 at entrance to Te Anau but shelterbelts restrict expansive views. Also visible from Sandy Brown Rd and Manapouri-Te Anau Highway.

Populations: Potentially visible to large numbers of travellers and residents as rural fringe to Te Anau though most viewer expectations likely to anticipate growth as logical development.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Series of terrace escarpments
- Rural fringe at 'gateway' to Te Anau

