

5. FREESTONE HILL



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Freestone Hill is an attractive, prominent glacial landform. Land cover is mixed, with pockets of forestry, shelter-belts, amenity planting and small pockets of indigenous vegetation, particularly around limestone outcrops. The balance is in modified grassland. Overall - typically a semi-rural, mixed use working character. A cell tower structure is visible on the skyline.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Glacial landform with limestone bluffs and outcrops
- Diverse land use

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY LOW

Natural Factors: Pockets of indigenous vegetation and large limestone bluffs and outcrops

Cultural Factors: Obvious human modifications - housing, access tracks, amenity planting and forestry

Quality/Condition: Modified working, semi-rural character

Aesthetic Factors: Interesting, prominent landform with attractive limestone bluffs and diverse land cover

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY HIGH

Visibility: Western face very prominent from Manapouri. North and eastern slopes are visible from Hill-side-Manapouri Road. Existing dwellings mostly screened by vegetation, dips and knolls.

Populations: Visible to large numbers.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Prominent glacial landform
- Attractive limestone outcrops