

11. FREESTONE WETLAND



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Ribbon of indigenous wetland vegetation between Hillside Manapouri Rd and Waiau River. Fenced off, linear wetland under protection programme.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Linear form and dense indigenous vegetation

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: Wetland and associated indigenous vegetation community

Cultural Factors: Sharp boundary with farmed paddocks

Quality/Condition: Protected wetland, fenced off from stock

Aesthetic Factors: Contrasting swathe of native vegetation between paddocks of improved pasture

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

LOW

Visibility: Area adjacent Hillside-Manapouri Road is visible but wetland vegetation and surrounding shelterbelts restrict views

Populations: Most of this area likely to be seen by few people other than immediate neighbours

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Protected wetland under QEII covenant

