

15. HILLSIDE



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

The southern slopes of a large moraine outwash deposit. Gently undulating and gradually rising northwards. Drains to the Mararoa River which flows to the south of this unit. SH 94 forms the southern border to this landscape unit. The vegetation is characterised by modified pasture and exotic shelterbelts, forming larger paddocks than those in the neighbouring Whitestone River flats.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Undulating farmland
- Overall slope north-south towards SH 94 and the Mararoa

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY LOW

Natural Factors: Southern face of glacial outwash deposit and associated hydrological patterns

Cultural Factors: Rural farming patterns dominate the slopes

Quality/Condition: Modified land cover however natural patterns and processes remain evident

Aesthetic Factors: Pleasant, gently rolling farmland

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

Visibility: Visible from parts of SH 94 and Wilderness Road and Hillside-Manapouri Rd. Shelterbelts restrict some views and create spaces but overall the area has an open character

Populations: Potentially viewed by large numbers of travellers on SH 94 - could be seen as part of the approach to the Te Anau basin.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Pleasant rural farmland adjacent busy highway

