

9. KEPLER MIRE



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Wetland set in a depression between low moraine hills. Largest of the wetlands in the Te Anau Basin. Fenced off from stock. Pockets of dense scrub and diverse wetland vegetation particularly around the edge of the swamp. Some open pools of water visible from the air. Size not apparent from ground.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Scale and quality of wetland

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: Wetland and wetland vegetation communities

Cultural Factors: Hard boundary against farming patterns

Quality/Condition: Protected conservation area. Extremely high level of intactness and representation.

Aesthetic Factors: Highly legible natural feature

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

LOW

Visibility: Not a prominent feature. Generally situated away from public viewpoints. occasional views are possible from parts of Mt York Road and glimpses from Hillside-Manapouri Road.

Populations: Typically Visible to very small numbers of people

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Largest wetland in Te Anau Basin and diverse wetland vegetation community
- Conservation Area administered by Department of Conservation and identified as significant wetland/wildlife habitat in SDCP