

1. MARAROA RIVER



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

This is the lower reach of a long, semi-braided river that begins at the Mavora Lakes in the Livingstone Mountains. Varies between confined single braid and more open multiple braids. The river environment is quite modified - for example, at the Weir Road photographic viewpoint. However the natural patterns and processes of the river remain dominant overall.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Sinuosity
- Defined river bed - steep cliffs in places

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: Dynamic river processes

Cultural Factors: Considerable modification along riparian edges, two bridges and nearby public viewing points

Quality/Condition: Maintains high level of naturalness

Aesthetic Factors: River as attractive natural feature

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

LOW

Visibility: Easily accessible public viewpoints appear to be limited to the Weir Road bridge and close vicinity.

Populations: Apart from some anglers, most of this section of the river is unlikely to be viewed by many people.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Important natural feature and recreational resource

