

31. MOUNT YORK ROAD



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Large character area of old outwash plain that follows the base of the Ramparts (LCA 17) from SH 94 near Te Anau to the Mararoa River. It varies from gently rolling to hummocky terrain. It is a rural working landscape. Many large paddocks contribute to an open character. Land cover is dominated by improved and semi-improved pasture but it includes many wetlands, some exotic shelterbelts, and small areas of forestry and cropping.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Glacial outwash plain at base of large terrace with rolling and hummocky terrain
- Number of wetlands
- Diverse land use/land cover in places and quite open character

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY LOW but sensitive areas around wetlands

Natural Factors: Wetlands

Cultural Factors: Dominated by rural working character

Quality/Condition: Modified by farming patterns however large number of wetlands and wet areas remain evident

Aesthetic Factors: Interesting mix of rural land use and natural wetland areas

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: MODERATE

Visibility: Most of this area is visible from the many roads that run through it or adjacent to it. Shelterbelts and topography will limit some views.

Populations: Most of these roads generally carry local traffic. Hillside-Manapouri Road is a busier route and it passes through a broad section of this unit.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Number of wetlands and areas of diverse land use/land cover

