

40. PATIENCE BAY LAKE MARGINS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Riparian margin between Te Anau-Milford Highway and Lake Te Anau. This character area slopes away from the road towards the lake and incorporates an area of steep terrace scarps and wetlands (Lookout Hill Swamp) to the north. Vegetation cover appears to be dominated by regenerating manuka/kanuka scrubland though there may be pockets of more mature bush within this area.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Lake margin, generally elevated.
- Escarpments and wetland area.

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: Riparian elements, wetland, scarps and native vegetation

Cultural Factors: Highway forms eastern boundary and crosses the unit at the northern end; a few vehicle access points into area

Quality/Condition: Bush may have been cut over in the past but retains high level of representativeness.

Aesthetic Factors: 'Wild' riparian margins

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

Visibility: Areas immediately adjacent highway are very visible however density of vegetation generally restricts views beyond this.

Populations: Viewing populations are generally tourists travelling between Te Anau and Milford, some recreational visitors who stop in area and potential views for boat users from the lake.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Riparian margin along approximately 8km stretch of Lake Te Anau
- Interesting terrace formations and values associated with Lookout Hill Swamp (identified as significant wetland/wildlife habitat in SDCP)