

17. THE RAMPARTS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Large upland plateau formed by glacial outwash, separated from Landscape Area 16 by Whitestone River. Steep terrace riser forms distinctive southeast backdrop to Te Anau. Rolling and hummocky in parts. Mixed use - mostly deer, sheep and cattle farming, forestry over terrace scarps and some recent lifestyle block development.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Northwest oriented terrace face - backdrop to Te Anau
- Mixed land use
- Scale of landform

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY: **LOW with sensitive river and swamp boundary**

Natural Factors: Large glacial outwash terrace with hummocky terrain, a few small wetland areas in depressions and mixed land cover

Cultural Factors: Farming, forestry and recent lifestyle block development

Quality/Condition: Modified but topography remains dominant and representative of glacial origins

Aesthetic Factors: Interesting topography, diversity of land-use and expansive views in places due to elevation above basin

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: **MODERATELY LOW but very sensitive terrace face/skyline**

Visibility: Front faces very visible from Te Anau; some areas visible from Ramparts Rd and Manapouri-Te Anau Highway but hummocky terrain provides good absorption capability.

Populations: Apart from northwest face and those who travel up to the Lookout, most of this character area is likely to be seen only by local residents.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Interesting topography - large scale moraine deposit, and good views over basin in places.

