

24. UPUKERORA FOREST MARGINS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Bush margins at the edge of Te Anau Basin. Mounds and wetlands. Pockets of bush and wetland vegetation, some pasture and exotic shelterbelts. Good regeneration potential and connection to mature bush behind (in Landscape Area 42). The wetland areas provide high natural values.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Edge between bush and farmland
- Wetlands
- Rolling landscape

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

Natural Factors: Wetlands and wetland vegetation, pockets of native bush and influenced by boundary with mature beech in adjacent Landscape Character Unit (LCA 42)

Cultural Factors: Farming land use pattern

Quality/Condition: Balance between modified elements and areas of high intactness

Aesthetic Factors: Interesting undulating landscape with diverse land cover, patterns and textures

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

LOW

Visibility: Vegetation, topography contribute to moderately high absorption capability

Populations: Located at the end of a minor road therefore few people likely to view this area apart from local farmers.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Wetlands and indigenous vegetation
- Attractive, rolling farmland in a 'transition' area between mature forest and modified Te Anau basin farmland