

8. WEIRS ROAD FARMLAND



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Generally flat paddocks, deer and sheep farming. Improved pasture and exotic shelterbelts. Area open (shelterbelts aligned east-west) and therefore very visible from Weir Road. Kepler Mire wetland to the west and rolling hills to the east contain the landscape unit.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- intensively grazed farmland with exotic shelterbelts

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY LOW with some sensitivity at boundaries

Natural Factors: Influences from shared boundary with Waiau River and wetlands

Cultural Factors: Farming patterns very dominant

Quality/Condition: Highly modified farmland

Aesthetic Factors: Attractive, ‘manicured’ paddocks and pleasant rural character

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: MODERATE

Visibility: Much of this flat, open area is highly visible from Weir Road. Those areas adjacent Hillside-Manapouri Road are also highly visible for a short distance. Shelterbelts limit some views.

Populations: Those areas adjacent Hillside-Manapouri Road will be seen by a large number of visitors and locals whereas considerably fewer people travel down Weir Road.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- River and wetland boundaries
- Charming character of high producing farmland

