

13. WHITESTONE RIVER FLATS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

A landscape characterised by intensive farming on a broad band of river flats. Well fenced, small paddocks of improved pasture are separated by exotic farm shelterbelts. Roadside shelterbelts permit intermittent views. Mixed farm uses include deer, sheep and cropping. State Highway 94 passes through the middle of this landscape unit. The Whitestone River provides one physical boundary to the unit while the eastern boundary is defined by a steep terrace riser.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- River flats within a broad river valley
- Diverse land use and small 'manicured' paddocks with mature shelterbelts

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY LOW with some sensitivities at river boundary

Natural Factors: Influences from river and origins as river valley remain evident

Cultural Factors: State Highway 94, modified farming patterns

Quality/Condition: Highly modified by farming patterns

Aesthetic Factors: Attractive rural working landscape in a river valley

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY HIGH

Visibility: Visible from SH 94 for approximately 6km, though shelterbelts restrict views into area

Populations: Potential for large number of travellers along SH 94, particularly over summer.

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- River valley and influences from Whitestone River
- Charming character of intensive, maintained farmland

