

7. MANAPOURI-TE ANAU HIGHWAY



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Flat paddocks of improved pasture and grids of exotic shelterbelts. Rural, intensive farming landscape. Also contains the Manapouri Aerodrome. The eastern boundary is shared with the large 'Kepler Mire' wetland. The highway divides the unit in two. The western boundary is marked by the end of the farmed paddocks and the beginning of indigenous riparian bush.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Open farming plains experience from Manapouri-Te Anau Highway

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY LOW but sensitive boundaries

- Natural Factors:* The natural features at shared boundaries and those natural patterns and processes that are part of a working rural landscape
- Cultural Factors:* Shelter belts and fences clearly divide grazed paddocks; the Manapouri-Te Anau Highway and Manapouri Aerodrome also contribute to a strong cultural overlay
- Quality/Condition:* A modified rural and mixed use character
- Aesthetic Factors:* Pleasant, open, rural, working character

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: MODERATELY HIGH

- Visibility:* Flat, open landscape; visible from Manapouri-Te Anau Highway but shelterbelts restrict some views
- Populations:* Tourists and locals use this relatively busy road connecting Manapouri to Te Anau

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Open plains experience
- Pleasant character of high producing farmland

