

36. SOUTHEAST TE ANAU DOWNS



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Relatively low (up to 416m), rolling glacial outwash deposits dominated by scrubland, improved and semi-improved grassland, small pockets of indigenous bush, and wetland areas. Te Anau Downs (accommodation centre) is in the uppermost northwest corner of this area beyond the Boat Harbour on Lake Te Anau. The Te Anau-Milford Highway runs alongside this corner boundary for several kilometres.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Large scale, open character
- Semi-modified farmland
- Wetland areas

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

Natural Factors: Wetlands, scrubland and pockets of bush, and riparian edge at Boat Harbour

Cultural Factors: Semi-modified for farming, highway, boat launch area and buildings at Te Anau Downs

Quality/Condition: Cut-over, modified landscape but natural processes and patterns remain high

Aesthetic Factors: Attractive riparian area at Boat Harbour

VISUAL SENSITIVITY:

MODERATELY HIGH

Visibility: Much visible from Te Anau-Milford Highway - expansive views limited by mature bush and topography; small parts also visible from around boat launch area and Te Anau Downs

Populations: Travellers between Milford and Te Anau, boat launch users and those staying at Te Anau Downs

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Harbour - recreational resource
- Wetland areas, pockets of bush and areas where it may be regenerating (Mistletoe Bush and Wetland identified as significant wetland/wildlife habitat in SDCP)

