

Elevated Steepland Bushclad Hills

Character elements

Low level of development, sense of remoteness, ridgelines & vegetation in blocks predominant character (pastoral / bushclad / forestry) Rural, elevated. Ridgelines silhouettes. Rock outcrops. Open views. Viewed from below, and from long distances, against the sky. Prominent ridgelines, named, provide key sense of place context to the valleys & locality. Public space tends to be bush and ecology reserves. Heritage elements, geological elements.

Upper & Midslopes Ridges & Gulleys

Character elements

Elevated rural / pastoral, strong relief of ridges and gullies, varying steepness. Zonal bush distributed by relief, altitude and moisture. Seeps and streams, upper catchment. Open and enclosed views, viewed from below, and from a distance. Public space tends to be bush & ecology reserves, walkways, roads. Low levels of development, typically productive landscapes. Some unique Northland forest types.

Pastoral lowland, valleys, wetlands, waterways

Character elements

Moderate relief to flat contour. Productive landscapes typically pastoral dominant with cropping, seasonal practices, orchards, nurseries interspersed with lowland bush fragments. Native and riparian vegetation interspersed with exotics. Seeps, streams, wetlands, mid & lower catchment. Stone walls & other heritage elements. Areas of extensive open pasture. Open & enclosed views. High level of public space. Public / private separated and defined.

Coastal, inlets, estuaries & harbours

Character elements

Moderate relief, terraces, cliffs, valleys, scarps, dunes, sandy and rocky shores, wetlands, estuaries, spits, headlands. Sea walls, jetties, boat ramps. Sporadic development. Areas of extensive native vegetation, individual trees, groups, fragments. Mangroves, coastal dune plants. Pohutukawa. Open pasture. Open views and long vistas. Lower catchment. High level of public spaces. Varying levels of private / public space overlap.

