

SCHED10 — SCHEDULE OF VISUAL AMENITY LANDSCAPES		
Unique identifier	Site identifier	Landscape values and characteristics
VAL1	Rangitata Flats (between gorge and Peel Forest)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitata outwash terraces are a highly legible feature of this VAL which are also identified as a Geopreservation Site. • Memorable views of the Upper Rangitata valley, including the braided Rangitata River, are enjoyed by both locals and visitors to the area. • These flat, upper plains which border the Rangitata River form the foreground view towards the Front Ranges and impressive peaks within the Alpine Ranges and Basins. • Recreational opportunities include fishing, rafting, canoeing and kayaking within the Rangitata River. • Established, settled and historic values are found within this VAL, containing historic homesteads and churches unique to the area. • The modification of the flats relates predominantly to the agricultural use, which reflect the higher level of intensification in comparison to the adjacent hill slopes. • The pattern of paddocks with associated fencing reflects the use of the land. • Native vegetation has given way to high producing exotic grassland with native vegetation mainly restricted to gully landforms, steeper escarpment slopes and adjacent to streams. • The Rangitata River is highly significant to mana whenua.
VAL2	Four Peaks downlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The more modified hills and downlands along the Four Peaks Range provide an important sensory separation between the plains and the Front Ranges. • These steep, rural downlands and slopes of the Front Ranges form the foreground view towards the memorable peaks of the Four Peaks Ranges. • Slopes of the Front Ranges framing the valleys of the Ōrāri and Waihi Rivers have high aesthetic landscape values. • The landcover includes pastoral farming and small-scale forestry. • The VAL section near the Ōrāri River clearly shows the landscape's formative processes of the river down-cutting through the Front Ranges. Several QEII covenants are located within the downlands in addition to the historic Waikonini Homestead in Scotsburn.
VAL3	Geraldine Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The openness of the Geraldine Downs and cohesive repetition of well-maintained rolling hills of pasture, patches of vegetation following the undulating topography and views of surrounding plains and mountains all add to its aesthetic quality. • Geraldine Downs volcanic formation is clearly expressed and legible by the topography of radiating flows of a sheet of lava. Exposures of volcanic rock are apparent on cliff faces particularly to the north of the area. • Talbot Forest is a nationally significant Scenic Reserve with very high ecological value. It is a remnant dryland podocarp forest on the east slopes of the Downs which acts as a forest backdrop to the Geraldine township.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatened long-tailed bats (pekapeka) inhabit Talbot Forest along with indigenous bird species such as rifleman, kererū, and South Island pied tit. • Transient landscape values important within this landscape are: views of sunrises and sunsets; views of changing weather patterns; the presence and sightings of wildlife such as bats flying over the landscape; hearing bird songs and calls. • Rural settlement has occurred along some of the roads throughout the area. The attractiveness for living reflects its high amenity value and distinguishes it from other rural areas that are predominantly used for agricultural production. • Several QEII covenants are located within the Geraldine Downs.
VAL4	Cave Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohesive repetition of rolling hills of pasture with native vegetation following the gullies and rounded topography. • Native shrubs occur predominantly within the gullies and on the western and south-eastern escarpment, while a mix of tussocks and extensively grazed exotic grassland can be found on the slopes. • Cave Hill's high amenity values are enhanced by its connection with the Pureora/Pareora River. • Elevated and open pastoral hills provide an important backdrop to the southern part of Timaru District and within the Pureora/Pareora River valley. • The topographical relief and visual interest provided by Cave Hill contributes to the visual context in the adjacent valleys. • The steep, dissected slopes of the eastern and western escarpments of the north-south oriented landform contrast with the long spurs on the southern extent, where the eastern-most gully system contains substantial native vegetation.