

- (b) The Assessment Criteria in Section 12.2.7.6 and 12.2.7.7 shall apply to Non Complying Activities. Regard shall also be had to Appendix 12.2-1, which sets out the particular criteria for each of the Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes RMU including key public views, significant surface features, and areas where open character is essential.

#### 12.2.7.5 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Where the following activities are located in an Outstanding Natural Feature or Landscape RMU shown on the planning maps and listed in Appendix 12.2-1 Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, they shall be deemed to be Prohibited Activities.

ACTIVITY	LANDSCAPE AREA
• BUILDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY ACTIVITY	ONF1 (Within the Prohibited Development Area)
• EARTHWORKS REQUIRING A GREATER THAN 1 METRE EXPOSED VERTICAL CUT.	ONF1 (Within the Prohibited Development Area)
• PLANTATIONS	ONF1 (Within the Prohibited Development Area)
• NETWORK UTILITIES	ONF1 (Within the Prohibited Development Area)

#### 12.2.7.6 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - CONTROLLED, RESTRICTED, DISCRETIONARY, AND DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

The matters over which the Council will or may (as specified in the rules above) exercise its discretion in assessing resource consent applications for activities located within the Landscape Resource Management Units are as follows:

##### (1) Buildings

The design of the development to ensure that it does not have adverse visual or landscape effects. This shall include reference to the proposed nature and location of building platforms, accessways, landscaping, planting, and the position, form and appearance of building development. In particular, any such development should:

- Be of a scale, design and location that is sympathetic to the visual form of rural ridgelines and spurs, and should not dominate the landscape.
- Avoid large scale earthworks on rural ridgelines, hill faces and spurs.
- Be sympathetic to the underlying landform and surrounding visual and landscape patterns.
- Be designed to minimise cuttings across hill faces

##### Outcome

*Adverse visual or landscape effects potentially created by these forms of development will be avoided, mitigated or remedied.*

and through spurs.

- Where planting is proposed, be of a scale, pattern and location that is sympathetic to the underlying landform and the visual and landscape patterns of surrounding activities.
- Where necessary for the avoidance or mitigation of adverse effects, include proposals to ensure the successful establishment of plantings.

(2) **Earthworks**

The design of the development to ensure that it does not have any adverse visual effects. This shall include reference to the proposed location, and screening of any earthworks. In particular any such development should:

Outcome

*Avoid the adverse visual or landscape effects potentially created by those developments.*

- Avoid the location of large scale earthworks on rural ridgelines, hill faces and spurs.
- Be designed to minimise cuttings across hill faces and spurs.
- Demonstrate what visual mitigation is proposed to minimise the visual intrusion of the work, including proposals to ensure the successful establishment of any plantings.

(3) **Plantations**

The design of plantations to ensure they do not have any adverse visual impact on the key landscape elements, patterns or character of the Outstanding Natural Feature and Landscape.

Outcome

*Where established plantations shall not obscure, damage or destroy the visual or landscape character of the feature.*

In particular the location and layout of plantations should not:

- Disrupt the visual integrity and coherence of landforms;
- Disrupt the visual continuity and integrity of main skyline ridges;
- Eventually result in key public views being obscured;
- Obscure significant surface features such as significant rock outcrops;
- Compromise open character where that is essential to the outstanding natural feature or landscape.