

Te Kopia Scenic Reserve Extension

Site Number: SNA595 Ecological District: Atiamuri

Source of Information: Based on aerial photographs.

Digital Scale:1:5,000Data Source:WRAPS 2012Regional Council:Waikato

1998 Site Number: Not included as a site in Shaw and Beadel (1998).

Current Tenure: Unprotected Site Area: 363.3 ha
Altitude Range: 440-960 m

Bioclimatic Zone: Lowland; Submontane; Montane **Grid Reference:** NZTM E1886447, N5747201

VEGETATION		LANDFORM	EXTENT
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1	Indigenous forest and scrub/shrubland. The forest is	Hill slope	363.3 ha
	likely to be similar to forest in the contiguous Te Kopia		
	Scenic Reserve, which includes kāmahi-rewarewa forest;		
	rimu/northern rātā/tawa-hīnau-rewarewa-mangeao-		
	kāmahi forest; rimu-kāmahi forest; Hall's totara/kāmahi-		
	broadleaved tāwheowheo forest, and rimu-black maire		
	forest (Clarkson 1984).		

Indigenous Flora: Unknown

Fauna: Provides habitat for common indigenous and introduced bird species.

Notes on Overall

Condition:

Unknown

Change Relative to

1998:

This site was not mapped in 1998. Comparison with 2001 aerial photographs indicates that the 2012 extent of indigenous vegetation is similar to 2001

extent.

Threats/Modification/

Vulnerability:

Vehicle tracks are present in parts of this site. Continued vegetation

clearance will diminish ecological values of this site.

Risk Assessment: Unknown

Significance Level: Interim ranking: Regional (Appendix 1: Table 1 - Criteria 7, 9, and 11; Table

2 - Factors Q, R).

Significance

Justification:

This site is regionally significance as it contains a relatively large area of indigenous forest, scrub and shrubland that provides a protective buffer to Ta Kania Sagnia Passayua, a nationally significant site and which is likely to

Te Kopia Scenic Reserve - a nationally significant site and which is likely to be a good quality, representative example of its type. Only *c*.7% cover of indigenous vegetation remains in Atiamuri Ecological District (Leathwick *et*

al. 1995).

Field work Required

(to assess significance):

Field work is required to confirm vegetation composition, ecological values,

management requirements, and level of significance.

References: Clarkson (1984); Leathwick et al. 1995; Wildland Consultants (2004).

