



Figure 13: Improved pasture on lower slopes of Port Hills between tai Tapu and Motukarara

Hills, per se, are no more natural than the flat land in the foreground, and the exposed rock outcrops do not make the landscape of the hill slopes any more natural than landscape without rocks. While picturesque, this landscape is highly modified by pasture improvement and grazing and does not pass the naturalness threshold for s6(b) significance.



Figure 14: Gibraltar Rock, vicinity of Summit Road, upper slopes of Port Hills

Higher levels of naturalness are apparent in the vegetation. Naturalness, together with high natural science and aesthetic values probably justifies identification of this landscape as ONL

– or at least Gibraltar Rock as an outstanding natural feature