

Zone 3		
Soil	'Islands' with original soil profile surrounded by disturbed areas associated with prior quarry activities	
Vegetation Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native grassland community and pioneer species emerging toward woodland (Zone 2b) • Woody and herbaceous weeds 	
Weed Density	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presently of Medium habitat value due to past and present clearing impacts, although the variety of native plant species fruiting and setting seed offers a significant food source for a diversity of fauna. • With the cessation of clearing activities this area has the potential to develop into an area of High Habitat Value • Sandstone outcropping occurring within this zone offers important habitat for reptiles.
Habitat Value	MEDIUM	
Major Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees in this area appear to be recently slashed, uplifted and/or standardised. • Slashing practices have impaired the development of a complex vegetation structure. With the cessation of these practices, the islands of original soil profile that contain remnant vegetation and viable propagules would afford excellent regeneration potential within this Zone. 	
Contribution to Conservation Value of Sandon Point	SIGNIFICANT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an important area for the completion of the green corridor extending from the Coastcare regeneration site to the east on the dunes through Zone 12 and extending westward to link with the remnant forest of Zone 4. With regeneration this area will provide a vegetated buffer on the northern riparian zone of Tramway Creek.



Plate 12: From Zone 3 looking north-east showing uplifted Acacia and Pittosporum and emergent native herbs and weeds (Wild Tobacco)



Plate 13: Looking south-west from Zone 3 across Tramway Creek tributary showing native grasses in foreground.