

# MAW\_28 – Lower Grey River/Māwheranui

## Taylorville\_Dobson (16.0518 ha)

Protected Area(s)	Area (ha)	NaPALIS #	# of Primary Parcels
Conservation Area - Grey River/Māwheranui	10.4562	2806810	2
Conservation Area - Grey River/Māwheranui	5.5956	2809054	1

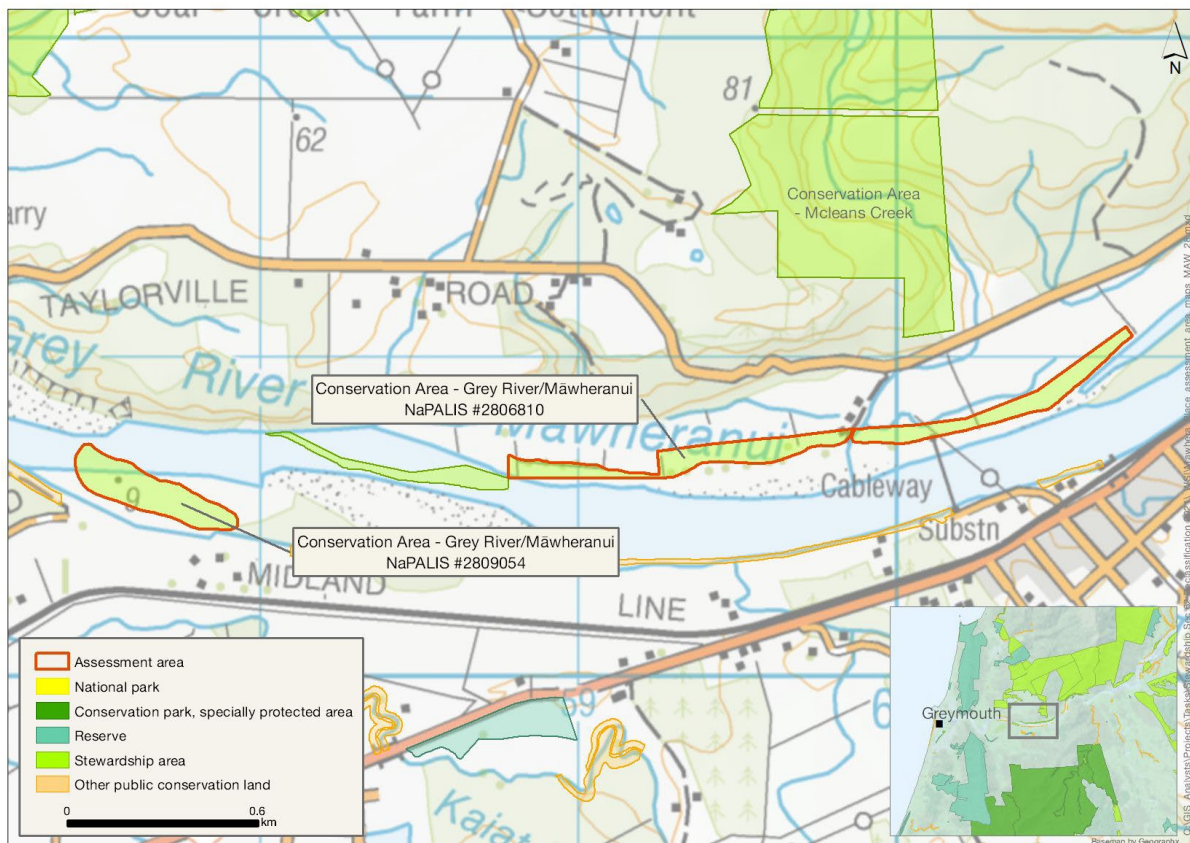
### Location

West of Taylorville and north of Dobson and Kaiata in the lower Grey River/Māwheranui valley.

### Brief Description

An elongated patch of river terrace associated with the Grey River/Māwheranui, which is largely grazed and has highly modified riparian margins with an active grazing concession in place. There are no at-risk or threatened terrestrial species, or tracks, facilities or recreational use. Māori Reserve land is adjacent to these conservation areas.

### Map



# Ngāi Tahu Values and Interests

*Mo tātou, a, mo ka uri, a muri ake nei – for us and our children after us*

There is a deep connection between Ngāi Tahu and all of the whenua in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā. A section 4 Conservation Act and Te Tiriti principles perspective is required, and it may be that areas of land are significant to Ngāi Tahu from that broader perspective. To avoid doubt, nothing in the proposed classification affects, limits or derogates from the rangatiratanga of Ngāi Tahu over its takiwā, including in relation to freshwater; and/or any other rights or interests Ngāi Tahu may have.

The western unit (NaPALIS 2809054) of this conservation area at Kaiata is highly significant to Poutini Ngāi Tahu. Kaiata is the place where, after defeating the resident Ngāti Wairangi in a series of conflicts, Ngāi Tahu decided to stay on Te Tai Poutini to consolidate their conquest by occupation. There is also Māori Reserve land adjacent to this conservation area. This site provides a significant connection for Ngāi Tahu to this place, and this must be recognised, considered and provided for, when determining a suitable classification for this land.

## Ecological Values

### Representativeness

Low level representativeness and naturalness. The area is a very narrow and small parcel on the true right of Grey River/Māwheranui, comprised of approximately 10% wetland and the rest pastoral land with active grazing concession. The parcel on the true left is highly modified riparian strip (farmland) but does not have active grazing concession. There is a low level of naturalness in riparian vegetation, but high predicted water quality.

### Diversity and pattern

Low diversity and pattern with no recorded terrestrial species recorded for this area. However, there may be lizards and river birds using this area as habitat. There are no records nearby, but a number of species will utilise the small reach of waterway that the parcels cover: migratory galaxias species (all whitebait species), longfin eel (*Anguilla dieffenbachii*) and shortfin eel (*Anguilla australis*), lamprey (kanakana, *Geotria australis*), a range of bully species and a large trout habitat.

### Rarity and distinctiveness

There are no at-risk or threatened terrestrial species recorded on BioWeb. The land environment is Acutely Threatened and Less Reduced and Better Protected.

### Ecological context

Two small parcels totalling 16.05 ha, on either side of the Grey River Māwheranui and not connected to other areas of PCL. Both are highly modified exotic grassland on river terrace at the edge of the river. Both have grazing permits for approx. 95% of the area. Small scattering of trees remain which may or may not be native in the Greymouth Ecological District.

## Recreation Values

### Setting

These two areas are located on the banks of the Grey River/Māwheranui. The areas are in a Backcountry-remote zone. There are no DOC-managed tracks or facilities. The areas include developed pasture.

## Visitor type and activities typically undertaken

Unlikely to receive recreation use.

## Access

No easy access to these areas.

## Heritage Values

### Historical overview and Sites recorded

No sites or heritage values recorded.

## Permissions summary

A grazing concession held for grazing 8.6 ha alongside Grey River at Taylorville.

## Map (aerial photo)

