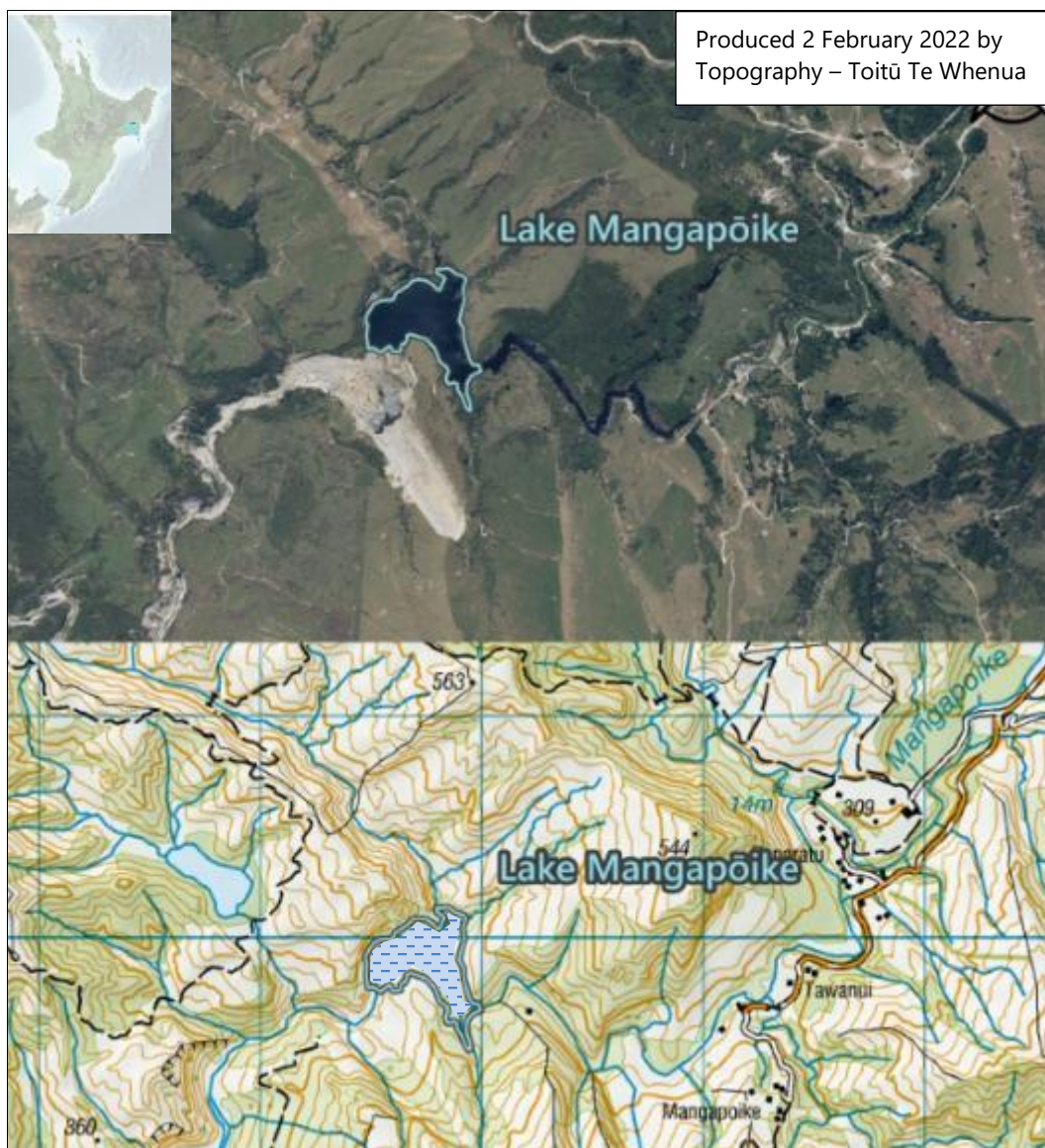


Submissions considered by the Board on 26 July 2022 for Lake Mangapōike

[new name]



Summary

Te Whakaari Inc made the original proposal to assign Lake Te Horonui as the official name for a recently formed lake halfway between Wairoa and Gisborne. The Board accepted Lake Te Horonui at its 20 April 2021 hui. During the notification period it received one submission supporting and five submissions objecting to the proposal. At its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board upheld two of the five submissions objecting to Lake Te Horonui.

The Board decided to publicly consult on the alternative name, Lake Mangapōike, which was suggested by the two objecting submitters, based on the lake's customary connection with Mangapōike River¹.

The second round of notification was delayed for Te Whakaari Inc to discuss the changed proposal at its December 2021 AGM². At the direction of the Board's

¹ At its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board agreed to approve Mangapōike River as official. It will be gazetted at the same time as an official name for the lake.

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Chairperson, the notification period was held from 16 February 2022 to 16 May 2022. The Board received ten supporting and four objecting submissions. Almost all submitters identified as being mana whenua or local to the area.

The ten supporting submitters support the Board's reasons for accepting the proposal for Lake Mangapōike. One of the submitters has proposed that the landslip itself be named Te Horonui. However, it is too minor to warrant naming and over time will form part of the rural landscape and be indistinguishable from other farmland.

Two objecting submitters, who made the original proposal for Lake Te Horonui, have proposed Lake Te Horonui as an alternative name. Their reasons being:

- Te Horonui describes the landslide, and there wouldn't be a lake if it hadn't occurred,
- Lake Te Horonui would inspire a new kōrero and pakiwaitara (*lit.* folklore),
- the Mangapōike name is firmly entrenched in surrounding lands with its own history and mana and the lakebed will retain its Mangapōike land title,
- incorrect and misleading information was provided in the submissions objecting to Lake Te Horonui,
- Mangapōike was not proposed by mana whenua, who have authority and ownership of the lake and the land it is on so have the right to name it.

While land ownership is irrelevant to the naming of geographic features and being mana whenua does not mean ultimate naming rights, there is merit in these two objecting submissions. Therefore, the Board may decide to uphold them in favour of the alternative proposal for Lake Te Horonui. As the community's views are already known, re-notifying Lake Te Horonui would be unlikely to attract other views and might confuse people.

At its 26 July 2022 hui the Board resolved to:

Uphold the four submissions objecting to Lake Mangapōike, based on fresh reasons in two objecting submissions for an alternative name, Lake Te Horonui:

- 'Te Horonui' describing the significant natural event that caused the lake to form and without it there would be no lake,
- evidence of support for the proposal from Te Whakaari Incorporation, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, and Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board,
- Lake Te Horonui inspiring fresh creative kōrero in the form of pakiwaitara (*lit.* folklore) and helping to support te reo Māori revitalisation,
- mana whenua having proposed Lake Te Horonui, and
- the Mangapōike name being already well recognised in surrounding lands with its own history, mana and Māori Land Court title,

and

Decline the proposal for **Lake Mangapōike** because the reasons for Lake Te Horonui are as compelling as the reasons for Lake Mangapōike (as proposed by the Board at its 22 July 2021 hui),

and

Reject the alternative proposal in three objecting submissions for **Lake Te Horonui**, based on:

- the Board's previous determination of 22 July 2021 to decline **Lake Te Horonui**,
- the reasons for both names having equal merit,
- the Board believing there is benefit from more local discussion and encourages the community to discuss (possibly on a marae) what the most appropriate official name of the lake should be. Noting that the Board does not consider now to be the right time for it to be involved in this decision given the strongly held opposing/divided views for both names, and that over time one or other of the two names will emerge as the preference and could then be brought back to the Board to be made official,

and

Reject the alternative proposal **Lake Hobson** in one objecting submission, based on there being no evidence that Governor Hobson was associated with the area or the lake's formation, and there being at least four other features in New Zealand already named for him,

and

Report the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to confirm that no name be assigned to the lake at this time so that the community can discuss further.

Secretariat recommendations

Recommendation 1

~~**Consider** all submissions and their reasons on the proposal to assign **Lake Mangapōike** as a new official place name,~~

~~**and**~~

~~**Reject** the four objecting submissions, including those that have provided alternative names, based on their reasons not outweighing those that the Board previously accepted for the proposal, being:~~

- ~~— the name Te Horonui having no ancestral connection or historical relevance,~~
- ~~— the lake being formed by Mangapōike River waters and the river's waters cannot be separated from the new lake, and~~
- ~~— the lake residing in the riverbed of Mangapōike River.~~

~~**and**~~

~~**Confirm** the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to assign **Lake Mangapōike** as a new official place name,~~

~~**and**~~

~~**Report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal. **Noting** that at its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board approved Mangapōike River under the fast track~~

process, with updated orthography, no matter which name the Minister decides on for the lake.

Option

Option 2
[replaces
Recommendation 1]

Consider all submissions and their reasons on the proposal to assign **Lake Mangapōike** as a new official place name,
and
Note the two objecting submissions that seek the alternative name Lake Te Horonui, not Lake Mangapōike,
and
Uphold in terms of section 18(1)(b) of the NZGB Act 2008 these two objecting submissions and accept their alternative proposal for **Lake Te Horonui** in terms of section 17(b) of the NZGB Act 2008, based on:

- ‘Te Horonui’ describing the significant natural event that caused the lake to form and without it there would be no lake,
- the generic term ‘Lake’ appropriately describing the feature,
- the lake being a permanent geographic feature,
- evidence of support for the proposal from Te Whakaari Incorporation, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, and Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board,
- Lake Te Horonui inspiring fresh creative kōrero in the form of pakiwaitara (*lit.* folklore) and helping to support te reo Māori revitalisation,
- mana whenua having proposed Lake Te Horonui, and
- the Mangapōike name being well recognised in surrounding lands with its own history, mana and Māori Land Court title.

and
Reject the other two objecting submissions,
and
Note that under section 18(2) of the NZGB Act 2008 ‘The Board may obtain any further information necessary to enable it to decide on an objection.’ An option could be to re-notify Lake Te Horonui under section 16 of the NZGB Act 2008. However, the responses in the submissions cover the community’s views so re-notify is unlikely to attract other views and might confuse people. Therefore, the recommendation seeks a final outcome from the Board’s consideration of the submissions,
and
Report the Board’s decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal. **Noting** that at its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board approved Mangapōike River under the fast-track process, with updated orthography, no matter which name the Minister decides on for the lake.

Background

At its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board upheld two submissions objecting to the original proposal from Te Whakaari Inc to assign Lake Te Horonui as the official name of a recently formed lake halfway between Wairoa and Gisborne. The Board agreed instead to accept a proposal for an alternative name Lake Mangapōike because of the lake’s ancestral connection with Mangapōike River.

At its hui on 20 October 2021 the Board noted that public notification of Lake Mangapōike had been deferred so this new proposal could be discussed at Te Whakaari Inc's AGM³ in December 2021.

At its hui on 8 April 2022 the Board noted further discussions had been held at Te Whakaari Inc's AGM. Based on not having received any additional information, the Chairperson confirmed that the proposal for Lake Mangapōike had been publicly notified for three months from 16 February 2022 to allow all interested parties an opportunity to express their views.

Notification

Advice to mana whenua of public notification

The Secretariat advised these 15 mana whenua groups on 13 January 2022 that the new proposal for Lake Mangapōike would be publicly notified for submissions from mid-February 2022.

Ngāti Kahungunu	Aorangi Māori Trust Board
Ngāti Kahungunu (Wairoa Taiwhenua) Inc	Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū Inc
Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga	Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea
Te Taiwhenua o Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua	Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust	Wairoa-Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board
Te Rākatō Marae	Ngāti Rakaipaaka
Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust	Ngāi Tāmanuhiri
Te Whakakī Nui-A-Rua Trust	

On 1 July 2022 Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa Trust advised that the proposal is in their area of interest, and they and hapū support a submission in support of Lake Mangapōike.

Advice to MPs

On 16 February 2022, the Secretariat advised the Members of Parliament for Napier and Ikaroa-Rāwhiti, and all adjacent electorates that the proposal was open for submissions until 16 May 2022.

Public notification including social media

The Board advertised the proposal:

- in the [New Zealand Gazette](#),
- in the *Sunday Star Times*, *Hawke's Bay Today*, *Gisborne Herald* and the *Wairoa Star*,
- on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ⁴ [Consultation](#) and [Facebook](#)TM pages, and
- on the New Zealand Government's [Consultation](#) page.

Te Puni Kōkiri was asked to post information about the consultation to its social media, but this didn't occur.

Media

The Board released a media advisory in English and Māori on 16 February 2022. See Supporting information for articles published in the *Gisborne Herald* on 22 February 2022 and *Wairoa Star* on 1 March and 29 March 2022.

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⁴ Land Information New Zealand

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

On 22 April 2022 Te Whakaari Māori Incorporation Committee of Management requested that the Board identify the source that incorrectly advised that the lake was in the rohe of Rongomaiwahine and they should be the ones naming the lake.

The Board released an unredacted email dated 24 March 2021 from Gisborne District Council advising the Board that:

‘It is our view that the work by Rongomaiwahine is the best approach for establishing the most appropriate names for the lake and other prominent and significant features in that landscape and that in the meantime the lake is not given a formal name.’

Submissions

Summary	During the second notification round from 16 February 2022 to 16 May 2022 for Lake Mangapōike the Board received ten supporting submissions and four submissions objecting to the proposal. An email from Te Whakaari Inc received after submissions closed is noted below.
Affiliation/local engagement	All but one submitter indicated their affiliation to a local iwi or generational connections to the area.

Supporting submissions (10)

The ten supporting submitters uphold the Board’s reasons for accepting the proposal for Lake Mangapōike. One of the submitters has proposed that the landslide feature be named Te Horonui, and although it could be a compromise, the slip is too minor to warrant naming.

The lake is filled with only Mangapōike River water.

The lake is formed around significant historical and wāhi tapu sites in relation to Te Kooti, so applying the historical name Mangapōike is logical. The river’s water is in the lake, therefore Mangapōike upholds the mana and mauri of the water and hence the lake. The lake resides in the riverbed of the Mangapōike River. It is formed by the river’s waters, which can’t be separated from the lake.

The lake was formed by Mangapōike River waters, and they can’t be separated from the lake, which resides in the riverbed of Mangapōike River.

Honours historical connections to Te Kooti. The land that contributed to the landslide is Mangapōike. The water that flowed into the lake is Mangapōike.

The lake is on Mangapōike farm.

Great idea to name it.

It’s on Mangapōike River on the Mangapōike farm.

Te Kooti’s battle site remains at the new lake. It is important to retain ancestral connections and ensure the history of the land lives on. A lake is a large body of water surrounded by land – the water is the important feature. The mauri of the rocks and dirt that make up the landslide is different from the mauri of the water that is the new lake. Mangapōike, meaning myriad streams, acknowledges all the

water sources from the Mangapoike River catchment that feed into the lake and maintains te mana o te wai.

The landslip could be named Te Horonui. Mangapōike embeds traditional ecological knowledge passed down through generations. Preserving the name in the new lake celebrates the ancient knowing and relationship tīpuna had with the Mangapōike catchment. As a future enduring source of traditional ecological knowledge, Lake Mangapōike tells it is a lake of the Mangapōike – of plentiful, bountiful, bounteous river branches.

Summary of the four objecting submissions and the Secretariat's comments

Alternative proposal: Lake Te Horonui

Te Horonui describes the landslide event that created the lake. Had it not occurred and blocked the river there would be no lake.

Lake Te Horonui would inspire fresh creative kōrero in the form of pakiwaitara (*lit.* folklore) and help support te reo Māori revitalisation.

Having a new name doesn't detract from the cultural or historical significance of the original historic Mangapoike land blocks. Naming the new lake Te Horonui means it would be more easily recognised and identified – the land below the lake would retain its legal Mangapoike land title.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc and Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board supported the original proposal for Lake Te Horonui.

Mangapoike is firmly entrenched in surrounding lands with its own history, mana and Māori Land Court title. Naming the new lake Mangapoike will attach an old story of no relevance to a newly formed landmark.

Much incorrect and misleading information was provided in submissions to the Board objecting to the Lake Te Horonui proposal.

Mangapoike sits outside the rohe of Rongomaiwahine who do not want any involvement in naming the lake.

Te Whakaari Inc has undeniable authority and ownership of the lake and the land it is on. Mangapoike was not proposed by us the mana whenua. A democratic vote and mandate were given by the shareholders for Lake Te Horonui not Mangapoike.

Alternative proposal: Lake Te Horonui

Lake Te Horonui was endorsed at Te Whakaari Inc's AGM and submitted to the Board by mandate as part of their customary right of taunaha. Other than landowners, no one has the right to name land, lakes or features on private land. The Board did not validate the submissions objecting to Lake Te Horonui.

Secretariat comment: *At its hui on 22 July 2021 the Board considered that two submissions objecting to Lake Te Horonui had merit from a Te Ao Māori perspective, ie:*

- *Te Horonui has no ancestral connection or historical relevance,*
- *the lake was formed by Mangapoike River waters and the river's waters cannot be separated from the new lake, and*
- *the lake resides in the riverbed of Mangapoike River.*

However, there may be some merit in the two submissions above that object to Lake Mangapōike, notwithstanding that land ownership is irrelevant to the naming of geographic features.

Alternative proposal: Lake Hobson. Tribute to the man who brokered an honourable settlement for all people in NZ to be united in one nation protected under one law.

Secretariat comment: *There is no evidence of Governor Hobson being associated with the area or the lake's formation. At least four other features in New Zealand are named for him.*

If consultation was undertaken with mana whenua, then supports the name mana whenua have chosen.

Secretariat comment: *Te Whakaari Inc, who made the original proposal for Lake Te Horonui, have advised that they are mana whenua. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc and Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board supported their proposal.*

Correspondence received after submissions closed

On 16 June 2022 Te Whakaari Inc requested that all the information that was submitted to the Board by Murry Caves (on request to Gisborne District Council) be disregarded as non-official and non-factual. It should not have been nor should be considered by the Board when formulating a decision on our proposal for the reinstatement of the Lake Te Horonui name.

Supporting information

1. Board report – Lake Te Horonui – 2021-04-20
2. Board submission report – Lake Te Horonui – 2021-07-22
3. Board proposal report – Lake Mangapōike – 2021-10-20
4. Board proposal report – Lake Mangapōike – 2022-04-08
5. Ten supporting submissions
6. Four objecting submissions
7. '[A lake formed by a landslide seeking to be named](#)', *Gisborne Herald* – 22 February 2022
8. 'Consulting again on new name for lake', *Wairoa Star* – 1 March 2022
9. 'Lake Te Horonui preferred name', *Wairoa Star* – 29 March 2022
10. Email to Minister for Land Information from Te Whakaari Inc – 2022-03-07
11. Letter to Te Whakaari Inc from Minister for Land Information – no date
12. Email from Te Whakaari Inc – Official Information Act request – 2022-04-22
13. Letter to Te Whakaari Inc – response to Official Information Act request – 2022-05-03
14. Email from Te Whakaari Inc – late addition to submission – 2022-06-16
15. Letter from Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa Trust – supports – 2022-07-01