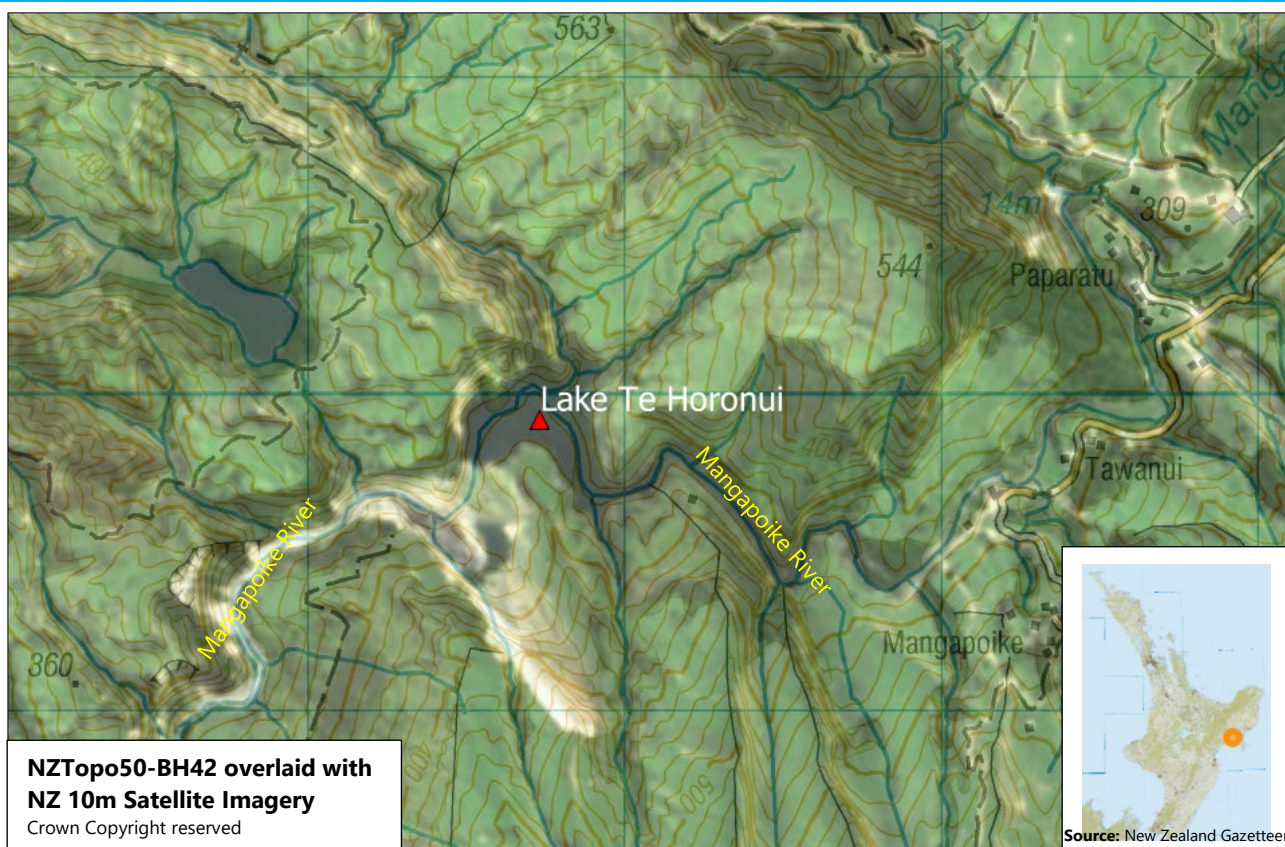


Proposal considered by the Board on 20 April 2021 for:
Lake Te Horonui [new name]



Summary

The proposal is to assign Lake Te Horonui *lit.* 'the great landslide', as the official name of a small lake (~30 ha) approximately halfway between Wairoa and Gisborne. The lake was formed in February 2018 by a large landslide blocking Mangapoike River.

The proposer advises that the lake is within land owned by Te Whakaari Incorporation and has provided evidence that the shareholders unanimously support the proposal.

There has been some short-term local use of Lake Mangapoike for the lake, especially by the Gisborne District Council. However, the proposer does not consider it appropriate to apply 'Mangapoike', which is an existing historical name for nearby features, to the new lake.

'Te Horonui' appropriately describes the significant natural event that caused the lake to form and offers a unique identity for the lake. The Māori generic term 'Roto' was considered (Rotohoronui). However, the proposer has confirmed the English generic term 'Lake' be used.

While the lake is a relatively minor feature, it is significant to the iwi owners of the land who describe it as 'taonga' and 'a gift from mother earth (papatuanuku)'.

Gisborne District Council has advised that Rongomaiwahine, whose rohe the lake and surrounding lands primarily falls within, should be approached for the most appropriate name and in the meantime the lake should not be formally named.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board have advised that they support the proposal. To date other mana whenua, including

Rongomaiwahine, have not provided their views. If the Board accepts the proposal, they will have an opportunity to make a submission during the public notification period.

Secretariat recommendation

At its 20 April 2021 hui the Board resolved this recommendation:

Accept the proposal to **assign Lake Te Horonui** to an unnamed lake formed by a landslide blocking Mangapoike River, based on:

- Te Horonui describing the significant natural event that caused the lake to form,
- the generic term 'Lake' appropriately describing the feature,
- the lake being a permanent geographic feature, and
- evidence of support for the proposal from Te Whakaari Incorporation, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, and Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board.

and

Notify as a proposal to assign for one month.

Noting that:

- the proposer has confirmed that the English generic term 'Lake' be included in the proposed name, and
- the views of other mana whenua have not been provided to date. They will have an opportunity to make a submission on the proposal during the public notification period.

Secretariat assessment and advice

The proposal

The proposer is seeking to assign Lake Te Horonui, *lit.* 'the great landslide', to a lake formed by a large landslide in February 2018 that blocked Mangapoike River. The proposer advises that the lake is within Te Whakaari Incorporation land and has provided evidence that Te Whakaari Inc unanimously endorsed the name at its 2019 AGM¹.

The proposer is concerned that Gisborne District Council is using 'Lake Mangapoike' to identify the lake. The proposer advises that 'Mangapoike' is associated with the river, road, station, and land blocks, and does not consider that it is appropriate to apply an existing historical name to a new lake. The proposer advises that this may cause confusion about the lake's exact location and access to it for future ventures that Te Whakaari Inc may pursue.

The proposer advises that the lake is formed around significant historical and wāhi tapu sites in relation to Te Kooti and his followers. The proposer considers that 'Te Horonui' is appropriate because it describes the significant natural event that caused the lake to form.

Location and extent of the

A landslide on Mangapoike River in February 2018 formed a dam more than 40 metres deep, which was rising by 60cm a day. To eliminate risks to the nearby

¹ Annual General Meeting

feature, generic term, and geographic feature type

farm and bridge access, explosives were used to cut a trench to release water from the dam and stabilise it. A permanent lake now remains.²

The proposer advises that the lake, which is approximately 37km southwest of Gisborne and 30km northeast of Wairoa, covers over 30 hectares. It is approximately .8km east-southeast of an unnamed lake on a northern tributary of Mangapoike River.

The generic term 'Lake' accurately describes the feature. The Māori generic term 'roto' was considered (see the translator's advice below). However, the proposer has confirmed the generic term 'Lake' as part of the proposed name.

New Zealand Gazetteer, duplication, and concerns or issues for emergency services

The lake is not named in the Gazetteer, and as it is recently formed it isn't shown or named on plans or maps. The lake can be clearly seen on the Gazetteer's aerial imagery basemap.

Horonui Island in the Cavalli Islands in Northland has a different generic term and is too far distant for there to be any confusion because of duplication.

The proposer advises that the lake is not accessible to the public and is not available for boating as access is across private land, which requires the landowner's permission to cross. However, if Te Whakaari Inc opens access to the public in the future, naming the lake would assist emergency responders.

References to the lake

There was media interest during 2018 on the formation of the lake:

- [Explosives release water from dam at Mangapoike River](#)³.
- [Landslide stabilised, small lake a legacy?](#)⁴ reports that the public cannot access the newly created lake, which is on Mangapoike Station.
- [Station owner hopes for 'permanent lake' after landslide stabilised](#)⁵ includes a photo of the lake.
- [Hillside collapses to form New Zealand's newest lake](#)⁶ reports that a scientist has called the formation of the lake a significant national event creating the country's newest lake.
- [New tourist spots pop up as the Earth slips and shakes New Zealand](#)⁷ uses the name Lake Mangapoike, noting that it is on private land.

[Te Whakaari owners name new lake Te Horonui](#)⁸ published in 2020 notes that Gisborne District Council has been identifying the lake as Lake Mangapoike.

² Gisborne District Council. [Mangapoike landslide & Waimata catchment seminar](#). Accessed 16 March 2021

³ scoop.co.nz (29 March 2018) <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1803/S00736/explosives-release-water-from-dam-at-mangapoike-river.htm?from-mobile=bottom-link-01> Accessed 16 March 2021

⁴ gisborneherald.co.nz (16 April 2018) <http://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/local-news/20180416/landslide-stabilised-small-lake-a-legacy/> Accessed 16 March 2021

⁵ Stuff.co.nz (16 April 2018) <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/103133095/station-owner--hopes-for-permanent-lake-after-landslide-stabilised?rm=m> Accessed 16 March 2021

⁶ Stuff.co.nz (20 July 2018) <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/105413362/hillside-collapses-to-form-new-zealands-newest-lake> Accessed 16 March 2021

⁷ Stuff.co.nz (2 August 2018) <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/105947094/new-tourist-spots-pop-up-as-the-earth-slips-and-shakes-new-zealand> Accessed 16 March 2021

⁸ gisborneherald.co.nz (12 November 2020) <http://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/local-news/20201112/te-whakaari-owners-name-new-lake-te-horonui/> Accessed 16 March 2021

It is possible that scientists may continue to study and publish on the lake's formation. If Lake Te Horonui is assigned as the official name, they will be required to use it⁹ and not Lake Mangapoike.

Consultation with iwi and others

In terms of the Board's *Kaupapa for Māori Place Names*, the Secretariat has asked mana whenua with interests in the area¹⁰ for their views on the proposal. On 22 March 2021 Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated advised that they support the proposal, which aligns with their 25 years vision and subsequent goal of 'Making our Mark'.

On 26 March 2021 Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board advised that it had resolved to fully support the proposal in recognition of the many owners in Te Whakaari Māori Corporation also being among the beneficiaries of Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board.

On 24 March 2021 Gisborne District Council (GDC) advised that:

- it has informally referred to the lake as Mangapoike since its formation and that name is widely used,
- Te Whakaari had not consulted others with interests, including Rongomaiwahine, whose rohe the lake and surrounding lands primarily falls within,
- the proposed name doesn't have a historical connection with the area,
- Rongomaiwahine should be approached for the most appropriate name and in the meantime the lake should not be formally named.

If the Board accepts the proposal, mana whenua and GDC will be advised one month prior to public notification.

Advice on orthography¹¹

A Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator has confirmed that Te Horonui is the correct orthography. If 'roto' was to be added it would be Rotohoronui (compound).

Relevant sections from the [NZGB Act 2008](#)

A principal function of the Board under s.10(1)(a) is to assign official geographic names. Section 15(2)(b) states that a proposal must meet the requirements specified by the Board.

The proposal has met the Board's Minimum Requirements.

[Standard for New Zealand place names](#) criteria

1.1 Acceptable names: (d) descriptive names

1.3 Other considerations: (b) distinctive and unique

The proposed name describes the event that formed the lake and provides it with an identity that is unique and distinguishes it from the adjacent river.

⁹ [Section 32 of the NZGB Act 2008](#) refers

¹⁰ 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 Tamaki-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, and Ngāi Tāmanuhiri

¹¹ The conventions and rules of how to write a language

1.3 Other considerations:

(d) existing names in long term or common local use may take precedence over new names

(g) minor features or places of low importance should not be named

Although Gisborne District Council refers to the lake as Lake Mangapoike, it is not a name that has been in long term or common use, so should not take precedence over the proposed name.

While the lake is a relatively minor feature, it is significant to mana whenua who describe it as a 'taonga' and 'a gift from mother earth (papatuanuku)'.

Media

Because of the previous media interest, the Secretariat supports a media release for this proposal and will work with LINZ¹² Communications team following the hui.

Supporting information

1. Proposal for Lake Te Horonui – 2021-03-09
2. Email from proposer confirming 'Lake' as the generic term – 2021-03-09
3. Email from Te Haumihiata Mason – orthographic advice – 2021-03-09
4. Email to mana whenua – consultation – 2021-03-18
5. Email to Te Puni Kōkiri – check mana whenua to consult – 2021-03-18
6. Email from Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc – support proposal – 2021-03-22
7. Email from Gisborne District Council – feedback – 2021-03-24
8. Letter from Wairoa Waikaremoana Māori Trust Board – support proposal – 2021-03-26

¹² Land Information New Zealand