



## Orakeikorako Extension

Site Number: 592 Ecological District: Atiamuri

**Source of Information:** Field work 2015 and 2016

Digital Scale:1:5,000Data-Source:WRAPS 2012Regional Council:Waikato

**1998 Site Number:** Not identified as a site in Shaw and Beadel (1998)

Current Tenure: Unprotected Site Area: 29.0 ha Altitude Range: 300-380 m Lowland

Grid Reference: NZTM E1874693, N5737436

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Hillslope	Not mapped
	separately
Lake margins,	Not mapped
wetland, open water	separately
Hillslope	Not mapped
	separately
Wetland	Not mapped separately
W	etland



VEGETATION		LANDEODM	EXTENT
CODE	ТУРЕ	LANDFORM	EAIENI
11	Crack willow/toetoe-harakeke-Carex geminata forest	Wetland	Not mapped separately
12	Tōtara forest	Hillslope	Not mapped separately
13	Kamahi forest	Hillslope	Not mapped separately
14	Crack willow forest Crack willow forest with abundant reed sweet grass and locally common raupō. Kōhūhū is also present on the drier margins.	Wetland	Not mapped separately

Indigenous Flora: Dicranopteris linearis var. linearis (At Risk-Naturally Uncommon) is present

in the understorey of the maritime pine forest, adjacent to the lake.

Fauna: New Zealand dabchick (Threatened-Nationally Vulnerable) was seen during

field survey and may utilise the riparian margins of this site. Lake Ohakuri

provides habitat for a wide range of bird species.

Notes on Overall Condition:

This site includes very good secondary vegetation. Wilding pines have been controlled within this site however some scattered live wildings remain. A relatively large area of modified wetland occurs at the eastern end of this site.

Change Relative to Shaw and Beadel (1998):

Unknown. However wilding pine control undertaken in recent years is likely to have improved the quality of this site.

Threats/Modification/ Vulnerability: Wilding pines (mainly radiata pine but there are occasional maritime pine) control is still required. There are local patches of blackberry and occasional plants of Spanish heath and pampas. Willows are dominant in the eastern portion of this site.

**Risk Assessment:** Wilding pines: Risk to site - medium; Timeframe - medium.

Other weed species: Risk to site - medium; Timeframe - medium.

Significance Level: Regional (Appendix 7 - Table 1 Criteria 4, 7, 9, 10, 11; Table 1 - Factors N, Q

and R

Significance Justification:

This site is of Regional significance as it contains a good quality example of secondary vegetation and wetlands that buffers adjacent geothermal areas of National and Regional significance. It is also a buffer to Lake Ohakuri and the Waikato River from adjacent land use and provides habitat for New Zealand

dabchick.

**Field Work Required:** No field work required.

Notes: This site surrounds three significant geothermal areas - Orakeikorako (SNA

559), Waikato River Springs (SNA 568), and Orakei Korako Conservation

Covenant (178006).

Akatarewa Stream Extension (Site number 591) has been amalgamated into this

site.

References: None

