



PORT NICHOLSON BLOCK
SETTLEMENT TRUST

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Lake Kohangatera and Lake Kohangapiripiri and Esplanade Land ("Parangarahu Lakes Area") – Duck Shooting

You may be aware that the Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Claims Settlement Act ("the Act") was enacted in September 2009 settling Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o Te Ika ("Taranaki Whanui") historical claims in the Wellington area. Pursuant to the Act the Parangarahu Lakes Area was vested in the Trustees of the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust ("PNBST"). Any administration hitherto undertaken by the Department of Conservation ("DoC") in respect of the Parangarahu Lakes Area ceased with the enactment of the Act.

As part of the process of handover of management responsibilities DoC's Area Manager has informed PNBST that you have previously sought permission to shoot ducks in the Parangarahu Lakes Area. PNBST further understand that you have shot ducks in this area for a number of shooting seasons.

PNBST has comprehensively considered whether to permit duck shooting in the Parangarahu Lakes in light of vesting of the Parangarahu Lakes. This consideration included the incorporation of conservation best practices, the protection and preservation of the environment and general management practices that are in accordance with Taranaki Whanui tikanga. Trustees have determined that for reasons of the conservation and preservation of the Parangarahu Lakes Area access shall no longer be available to duck shooters for the shooting of ducks and/or other water fowl.

With this in mind PNBST confirm, at least for the foreseeable future, duck shooting and the carrying of firearms shall not be permitted in the Parangarahu Lakes Area.

Notices informing the public of this shall also be erected accordingly in the Parangarahu Lakes Area.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust.

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