

Whenua Māori Fund

Project Overview

The Whenua Māori Fund provides funding for the development and care of Māori-owned land — these are stories of the successful applicants.

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Geothermal Power Project

The Proprietors of Taheke 8C & Adjoining Blocks Incorporation



Location of the Land Blocks:

SH 33, Okere Falls, Rotorua.
 The Incorporation administers 22 land blocks with a total area of 1193 hectares and approximately 1031 owners.

Long-Term Aspirations: This project looks to build on the work undertaken to date and develop investment options for the future. Taheke 8C has a long held policy to develop their whenua and resources to the fullest capacity in order to advance the socio-economic well-being of the owners. This policy and aspirations are entwined within the vision, mission and values statements of the Incorporation, in particular Mana Whenua and Kaitiaki.

“We are kaitiaki of this land so sustainable and careful development of the geothermal resource is essential. We need to be able to look after both the land and the economic advancement of our shareholders in the long term”

– Na, Tawhiri Morehu

Project Description: This project seeks to investigate commercial opportunities including the development of a long term prospectus to attract investment partners for geothermal development. This could include, if feasible, supporting an eco-tourism development, heated baths (balneology), hot houses and a horticulture kiln drying unit.

Outcomes: Development of a long-term prospectus with the aim of procuring investment partners to participate in the development of the geothermal resource that will utilise the geothermal energy source.

Partners: The Proprietors of Taheke 8C & Adjoining Blocks Incorporation and Te Puni Kōkiri

Te Puni Kōkiri investment
 \$75,000 (plus GST)

