



Kimihia Restoration Project 2011



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To restore and enhance the Kimihia catchment

The Kimihia Restoration Project area covers approximately 26,000ha, centred on Lake Kimihia north-east of Huntly, and bounded by the Waikato River to the east and Taupiri Range to the west.

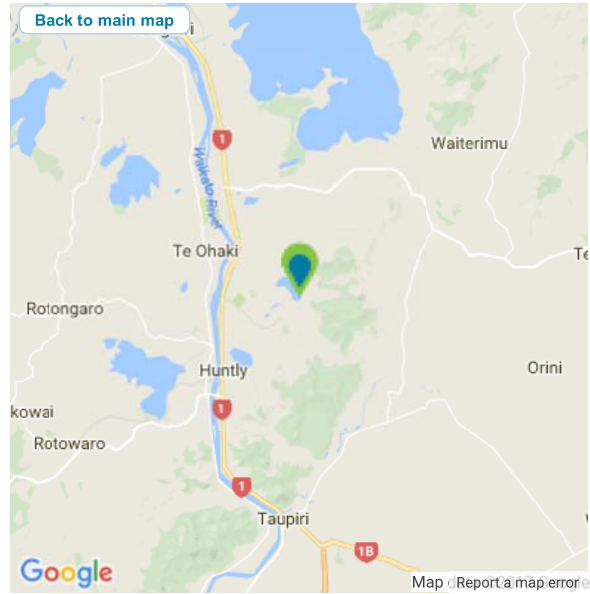
Ecological investigations indicate that Lake Kimihia is "seriously degraded" by nutrient inflows and presence of pest fish. Despite that, the lake and associated tributaries still support a diversity of native plants and animals, including whitebait species.

In mid-2011 three organisations (Solid Energy New Zealand Limited, New Zealand Transport Agency and Waahi Whaanui Charitable Trust) agreed to initiate a multi-agency restoration project for this catchment.

The overall aim of this project is "to restore and enhance the Kimihia catchment" by via catchment management, riparian and other planting, pest fish management and modifications to drainage as appropriate, to improve the water quality entering the Waikato River at its confluence with Kimihia Stream. This will also result in a significant improvement in the quality of the stream and Lake Kimihia itself.

This project received funding from the Waikato River Authority (WRA 11-078)

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