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SUBMISSION TO ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL LONG-TERM PLAN

I hereby make the following submission on the Rotorua Lakes Council Long-Term Plan:

1) East Rotoiti/Rotoma Sewerage

Our society supports the proposed East Rotoiti/Rotoma sewerage scheme. We have strongly advocated in favour of the scheme and the need to protect the lake waters of Rotoma and Rotoiti. We congratulate Council on the way they have engaged the community after the adverse outcomes from the Environment Court decisions on this matter. The need to move forward and complete the scheme as soon as possible is very important for the health and wellbeing of the lakes.

2) Rotoehu Scheme

We note that this scheme is included in the LTP as "without subsidy". The Funding Deed with the Crown for the four priority lakes includes Lake Rotoehu which begs the question, "Why is the Rotoehu scheme without subsidy? We support the need for reticulated sewerage as this lake remains categorised as a priority lake for lake water quality restoration.

3) Lake Tarawera

Our society strongly supports the need for Tarawera to have a reticulated sewerage scheme. This year the lake demonstrated a blue-green algae bloom and continued deterioration in the Trophic Level Index (TLI) for its water quality. This year the TLI was 3.00, being 0.4 units above the community agreed target of 2.6.

We are aware of the significant water quality issues facing this lake as the seven lakes, which ultimately flow into Lake Tarawera, are not as pristine as Lake Tarawera. Phosphorus levels of the lake have been rising and are the principle cause of algae blooms. The need for a reticulated sewerage scheme is immediate and therefore vital to put in this Long-Term Plan. We cannot afford to put actions off on this lake any longer.

We understand that there is at present no subsidy funding. However, we do ask that sufficient funding is made available to carry out planning and consultation for the Lake Tarawera sewerage scheme in 2015/16.

4) Mamaku

With the Mamaku village in the Lake Rotorua catchment we support the need for a sewerage scheme which does not leach into the catchment waterways. As with Tarawera we support the allocation of funds in the current year plan necessary to carry out planning and consultation work on the scheme.

5) Out-of-the-forest by 2019 Project

We acknowledge the huge work and costs that the Rotorua Lakes Council has put into this project. The approach taken in consulting with the community has been well supported which should allow for progression to a suitable alternative. We support Option 2.

We wish to present our submission to Council in person.

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