

## Resource Consent 68367

### Submission for Diquat Application in the Rotorua Lakes

Applicant's Name: Land Information New Zealand and Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Joint Applicant)

LWQS refer to the application prepared by Boffa Miskell for the applicants dated 23 November 2017. We have read the Application and Assessment of Environmental Effects and fully support the application and conditions proposed.

LQWS was originally formed in the 1960's (Lake Weed Society) to lobby Council and Government to control lagarosiphon in the lakes. Diquat was the promoted chemical and has been used since then. No other chemical is available for use that will control all targeted weeds. It has principally been used to provide weed control around recreational areas including swimming beaches, boat ramps and jetties. Of more recent times we are seeing it used to eradicate new incursions of hornwort in previously clean lakes.

The prospect of not having diquat is untenable. We have awaited the consenting of Endothall for over two years and believe when consented it will provide a complimentary chemical and we can move to an invasive weed eradication strategy.

If there is a formal hearing, we wish to be heard in support of the application.

D T Atkinson

Chairman Lakes Water Quality Society.