

## Media Release

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### **Additional funding supports infrastructure for Kai iwi Lakes**

Kai Iwi Lakes is to benefit from funding through the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment allowing Kaipara District Council to progress its planned project for additional toilet facilities and a campervan dump station at Lake Waikare.

The successful funding application made in December last year will top up Kaipara District Council's funds allowing the \$140,500 project to go ahead in September 2018.

Kai Iwi Lakes offers a series of deep, fresh water dune lakes located in the Taharoa Domain, an extensive recreational reserve, and is described as Kaipara's very own "hidden gem" on the Twin Coast Discovery Highway map promoted by Northland Inc.

The Lakes are an increasingly popular destination for visitors and locals offering a range of recreational activities, and Council are thrilled the additional funding will allow the project to get underway and better meet the needs of its visitors.

Campsites at Promenade Point and Pine Beach provide the visitor with shower and toilet blocks, but the Domain is currently without a dump station which can limit how long a campervan stays.

*"Lake Waikare on the other side of the Domain from Pine Beach is becoming an increasingly popular location for events. Well frequented by motorhomes and campervans, along with its swimming pontoon and newly installed picnic tables, Lake Waikare is an ideal location for additional toilets and campervan facilities"* says Acting Chief Executive Peter Tynan.

*"Over the last two years Kaipara District Council have invested in walking and cycling tracks around the lakes, with ongoing improvements planned, thus giving visitors and locals even more reason to enjoy this beautiful part of Kaipara."*

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**Pictures are available on request**