

25th July 2019

Tauhara North Awa and Company LP

P.O. Box 490

Taupo 3351

Anita Porima

Senior Ranger Community, Kaitiaki Matua, Āo Hāpori

Department of Conservation

69 Town Centre,

Turangi, Central Plateau District Office

aporima@doc.govt.nz

Dear Anita,

Please accept this application by Tauhara North Awa and Company LP (trading as Rapids Jet) for a concession to lease a part of Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve.

Rapids Jet was purchased by Tauhara North Awa and Company LP in February 2019. Rapids Jet has held a concession to operate on the reserve since 1993 and have held a series of 10-year concessions. The current concession expires on 2 April 2023. If successful, it is understood that the new concession will replace the existing concession.

Tauhara North Awa and Company LP are thinking long-term and want to continue to operate and grow Rapids Jet to the highest safety and environmental standards. In the future Rapids Jet envisage the existing track from Spa Park to Aratiatia Rapids, along the Waikato River, being extended to this site. Visitors arriving by foot or bicycle could return the same way after refreshments, be shuttled back to Taupo or take part in other activities on the reserve.

To make the ongoing investment that is required to achieve this requires greater certainty than what a 10-year concession provides. A 30-year lease will provide the certainty that is needed. We understand that this application will be publicly notified. Can you please provide an estimate of the costs associated with this process.

Please contact us if you require further information.

Yours faithfully



Geoff Smith

Tauhara North Awa and Company LP



We recommend that you contact your usual permissions advisor, or the [appropriate Department of Conservation Office](#) to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms - see appendix for contact details.

Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form must be completed for all longer term applications (ie not one-off applications), then please fill in and attach the form(s) for the activities you wish to undertake. If extra space is required for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application form are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application:

- Legal status registration number (if not an individual)
- Written testimonials (if required)
- Written consultations (if applicable)
- All appropriate activity application forms - for concessions we require the applicant information form **and** relevant activity form(s)
- Supporting evidence for Environmental Impact Assessment (if required)
- Supporting information and detail including maps, site plans, building plans as required in activity forms. ****Note some applications require GPS Co-ordinates****
- Supporting evidence for details of activity forms
- Have you read the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees?
- Have you signed your application?

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

A. Applicant Details

Applicant Name
(full name of registered company
or individual)

Tauhara North Awa and Company LP

**Legal Status of
applicant (tick)**

Individual

Registered
Company

✓

Trust

Incorporated
Society

Other (please specify full details)

Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number:

NZBN: 9429047182103

If an individual please supply your date of birth (this is a unique identifier for you):

Trading Name
(if different from Applicant name)

Rapids Jet

Postal Address

P.O. Box 490 Taupo, 3351

**Street Address (if different from
Postal Address)**

283 Vaughan Road, Rotorua

**Registered Office of Company or
Incorporated Society (if applicable)**

283 Vaughan Road, Rotorua

Phone

Website

Contact Person and role

Richard Balm, consultant

Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Contact Person and role

Geoff Smith

Phone

Cell Phone

Email

B. Activities applied for

Please fill in all the forms that are applicable in order to cover all the activities the applicant wishes to undertake on public conservation land. Please tick below the forms that have been completed, and attach.

ACTIVITY	FORM	✓
Grazing	2a	
Land use:		
A. Tenanting and/or using existing DOC facility/structure	3a	
B. Use of public conservation land for private/commercial facility/structure	3b	✓
C. Easements across public conservation land including right of way, stock access, convey electricity, drain sewerage, waterpipes etc	3c	
Guiding/Tourism/Recreation:		
A. Walking/Hiking/Tramping/Hunting/Fishing/Horses/4WD activities etc	4a	
B. Watercraft activities	4b	
C. Aircraft activities	4c	
Filming	5a	
Sporting Events	6a	
Other (activities that may not be sufficiently covered in the above forms)	7a	

C. Background Experience of Applicant

Please provide relevant information relating to the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations and relevant qualifications). Attach details and label Attachment 1a:C.

In 2019 Tauhara North Awa and Company LP purchased Rapids Jet. Rapids Jet (2004) Limited have held a concession to locate facilities on the Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve since 1993. The current 10-year concession expires on 2 April 2023. There is currently a carpark, visitor centre, toilet block (fully contained), and walking track on the site.

The jetty and jet boat activities are located off public conservation land on the Waikato River, managed by the Waikato Regional Council. Rapids Jet hold all the necessary permits from the Waikato Regional Council and Maritime New Zealand to operate a jet boat business on the Waikato River.

Has the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application been convicted of any offence? Does the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application have any current criminal charges pending before the court? If yes, please supply details.

No

D. Testimonials

Please attach two written testimonials, together with the names, occupations, addresses and phone numbers of two people who will vouch for the proficiency of the applicant in the proposed activity. At least one testimonial should contain information in relation to the financial viability and standing of the applicant. These testimonials are to be labelled Attachment 1a:D.

E. Consultation Undertaken

Most applications require consultation with whanau/hapu/iwi (local Maori), and other interested parties. Please read the information on the DOC website and contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application and label Attachment 1a:E.

F. Insurance

Concessionaires are required to indemnify the Minister against any claims or liabilities arising from their actions. If this application is approved, the applicant will be required to hold Public Liability, Forest and Rural Fire Act Extension Insurance, and possibly Statutory Liability and/or vehicle insurance. The level of cover will depend on the nature of the activity. Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required.

G. Public Notification

Some activities and/or types of concession applications require public notification if the Department forms an intent to grant the concession. This increases the time and cost of processing the concession. The usual circumstances when public notification is required are thus:

- The Application is for exclusive use of public conservation land (ie a lease);
- The Application is for a licence for a term longer than 10 years;
- Other concessions do not require public notification unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required.

A permissions advisor can advise you as to the type of concession your activity requires and whether or not it needs notification.

H. Fees and costs

Processing Fees:

Section 60B of the Conservation Act contains the statutory provisions regarding processing fees.

The Department recovers all direct and indirect costs to process a concession application from Applicants regardless of whether the application is approved or declined. The cost of processing a concession depends on whether the application needs to be notified or not (see Public Notification section above), and/or whether the application is a standard application or is complicated/complex.

The estimated cost of processing a standard non-notified concession is **\$1540 + GST**. If the application meets the criteria for notification or the application is particularly complex or complicated then further costs will be incurred. In this situation the Applicant will be sent an estimate of costs. Applicants are also entitled to request an estimate of costs at any point but the Department may impose a charge for preparing such an estimate. Estimates are not binding.

The Department will ordinarily invoice the Applicant for processing fees after a decision has been made on the application but in some cases interim invoices will be issued. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department shall invoice the Applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point. Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

The Director-General of Conservation has discretion to reduce or waive processing fees. If your application is for landing aircraft for personal recreational use you may be eligible for a reduction of 50% of the processing fee.

The Department may obtain further information either from the applicant or from any other relevant source in order to process the application. The applicant will be advised of any information obtained from other sources. The cost of obtaining such information will be charged to and recovered from the applicant. The applicant will be informed as soon as practicable from receipt of the application if further information is required before this application form can be fully processed by the Department.

Reduction in Processing Fees for exceeding processing timeframe:

If the Department fails to meet its processing timeframes the fees will be reduced at a rate of 1% per day late, up to a maximum of 50% of the total processing fee. The reduction will not apply if the Applicant's actions have delayed the process.

Ongoing Fees:

If your application is approved, you will also be required to pay annual fees throughout your concession. These are:

- Annual management fee to cover administration time; and/or
- Monitoring fee (if required) to cover the cost of monitoring the effects of your activity; and/or
- Activity fee per head (if a recreation concession), or a minimum fee per year; and/or
- Annual rental (if a land use concession eg lease)

Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss the applicable fee and processing timeframe for the application.

Terms and Conditions for an Account with the Department of Conservation:

Have you held an account with the Department before? (Please tick) Yes No

If yes, under what name:

1. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.
2. I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.
3. I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
4. I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.
5. I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.
6. I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions of the credit account are not met.
7. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Note: The Minister can vary any concession granted if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies.

Signature
(Applicant)

Date 25/7/19

Signature (Witness)

Date 25/7/19

Witness Name

Richard Balm

Witness Address

This application is made pursuant to Sections 17R and 17S of the Conservation Act 1987 [and (where applicable) Section 49 of the National Parks Act 1980/Section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977].

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 and the National Parks Act 1980 relating to concessions.

Once the application is complete, the Minister has 20 days within which to advise the applicant whether the application is declined on the grounds that the application does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or any relevant Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan. If the Minister does not so advise the applicant the application will be processed in accordance with Section 17T of the Conservation Act 1987.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act might require that some or all information in this application be publicly released.

For Departmental use

Credit check undertaken

Comments :

Signed

Name

**Approved (Tier 4 manager
or above)**

Name



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form is to be used when the proposed activity is the building or use of any private or commercial facility or structure on public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation. Examples may include lease of land to erect an information centre; authorisation to erect a weather station; or construct or lease a private/commercial campground or lodge. This form is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate.

Please complete this application form, attach Form 1a or Form 1b, and any other applicable forms and information and send to Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed. The Department will process the application and issue a concession if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a concession under the Conservation Act 1987.

If you require extra space for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

A. Description of Activity

Please describe the proposed activity in detail – where the site is located, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible, what you intend to use the building for, whether you intend to make any changes to the infrastructure.

Please include the name and status of the public conservation land, the size of the area for which you are applying and why this area has been chosen.

If necessary, attach further information including a map, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal and label Attachment 3b:A.

- Rapids Jet have held a concession to locate facilities on the Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve since 1993. The current 10-year concession expires on 2 April 2023.
 - In the future Rapids Jet envisage the existing track from Spa Park to Aratiatia Rapids, along the Waikato River, being extended to this site. Visitors arriving by foot or bicycle could return the same way after refreshments, be shuttled back to Taupo or take part in other activities.
 - **Current activities:** Facilities to support a tourist jet boat activity on the adjacent Waikato River.
 - **Current facilities:**
 - Gravel driveway and carpark
 - 140 m² office and visitor centre
 - 4 pan toilet block (fully contained)
 - walking track (providing access to the jetty)

Note: The jetty and jet boat activities are located off public conservation land on the Waikato River, managed by the Waikato Regional Council.

Note: Rapids Jet hold all the necessary permits from the Waikato Regional Council and Maritime New Zealand to operate a jet boat business on the Waikato River.
 - **Additional activities:** Operation of café.
 - **Additional facilities:**
 - Sealing of the current driveway and carpark.
 - Construction of a 140 m² café building and deck.
 - Install signage on the corner of Aratiatia and Nga Awa Purua Roads.
 - **Term of new concession** - Rapids Jet are applying for a new concession with a 30-year term.
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B. Alternative sites considered

If your application is to **build, extend or add** to any permanent or temporary structures or facilities on public conservation land, please provide the following details:

- Could this structure or facility be reasonably located outside public conservation land? Provide details of other sites/areas considered.
- Could any potential adverse effects be significantly less (and/or different) in another conservation area or another part of the conservation area to which the application relates? Give details/reasons
- When the business was started in 1993, a number of sites were considered. The current site on the Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve was selected because it provided safe and easy access to the River between Aratiatia and Nga Awa Purua Rapids. These two sites are the main attractions of the jet boat trips.

- To minimise infrastructure on site, buildings for used for equipment and boat storage will be located on another property.
- Being located next to the river provides for efficient transfer of passengers between trips.
- Land-based staff are used to provide safety information to the boat drivers on whether the river is clear of other water users (primarily kayakers). These safety officers also take photographs. These staff need to be located on-site so they can quickly access the safety viewing locations.

C. Larger area

Is the size of the area you are applying for **larger** than the structure/facility **YES / NO**

If **yes**, please detail the size difference in the box below, and answer the following 3 questions, if **no** please go on to the next section:

- The proposed lease area is 1 hectare (10,000 m²).
- This provides significant around the current and proposed facilities and provides a degree of privacy.
- The land containing the underground power cable is included in the lease area.

Is this necessary for safety or security purposes? **YES / NO**

Is this necessary as an integral part of the activity? **YES / NO**

Is this essential to carrying on the activity? **YES / NO**

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:C.

- **Safety** – Land-based staff are used to provide safety information to the boat drivers on whether the river is clear of other water users (primarily kayakers). These safety officers also take photographs. These staff need to be located on-site so they can quickly access the safety viewing locations.
- The visitor centre is the focal point for visitors and used to as the location to provide safety briefings and equipment.
- The visitor facilities have been located at this site since 1993. Without the location of these, it would make the business unviable.

D. Exclusive possession

Do you believe you need **exclusive possession** of the public conservation land on which your structure/building is located, ie no one else can use the land during your use of it? **YES / NO**
(Exclusive occupation requires a lease which requires public notification of the application)

If **yes**, please answer the following 3 questions, if **no** please go to the next section:

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect public safety? **YES / NO**

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect physical security of the activity? **YES / NO**

Is exclusive possession necessary for the competent operation of the activity?

YES / NO

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:D.

- Public safety – Rapids Jet has a track record of taking visitor safety seriously.
- Physical security – protection of expensive equipment including boats is important to the ongoing operation of the business and is essential.
- Competent operation – to ensure the safe and smooth operation of the business, exclusive use is required.

E. Technical Specifications (for telecommunications sites only)

Frequencies on which the equipment is to operate

Power to be used (transmitter output)

Polarisation of the signal

Type of antennae

The likely portion of a 24 hour period that transmitting will occur

Heaviest period of use

F. Term

Please detail the length of the term sought (i.e. number of years or months) and why.

Note: An application for a concession for a period over 10 years must be publicly notified, an application for a concession up to 10 years will not be publicly notified unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required, or if an exclusive interest in the land is required.

Rapids Jet has held a concession to locate facilities on the Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve since 1993. The current 10-year concession expires on 2 April 2023.

The owners of Rapids Jet, Tauhara North Awa and Company LP are thinking long-term and want to continue to operate to the highest safety and environmental standards. To make the ongoing investment that is required to achieve this requires greater certainty than what a 10-year concession provides.

A 30-year lease will provide the certainty that is needed. Regular reviews will ensure that the lease is in line with market rates.

G. Bulk fuel storage

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act) 'Bulk fuel storage' is considered to be any single container, stationary or mobile, used or unused, that has a capacity in excess of 250 litres of Class 3 fuel types. This includes petrol, diesel, aviation gasoline, kerosene and Jet A1. For more information on Hazardous Substances, go to: <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/legal-framework/hsno-act-1996>

Do you intend to store fuel in bulk on the land as part of the activity? **YES / NO**

If you have answered yes, then please provide full details of how and where you intend to store the fuel, and label any attachments including plans, maps and/or photographs as Attachment 3b:G. If your concession application is approved, you will be required to provide a copy of your HSNO compliance certification to the Department before you begin the activity.

The fuel required to operate the jet boats is bought on site each day in approved 20 litre fuel containers. These containers are placed in a fuel storage shed. The necessary fuel is carried down the walking track to the jet boat as required. All containers are removed from the site at the end of the day.



Proposed lease area - Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve



Location of facilities on the lease area

Cafe

- The primary purpose of the cafe is to provide a service to customers of Rapids Jet having a jet boat experience. The intention is offer hot and cold drinks (tea, coffee, etc) and simple food that requires minimal preparation and cooking on-site.
- Customers will use the existing fully contained toilet block. Wastewater from the kitchen will be piped to the holding tank associated with this toilet block. All effluent is fully contained, pumped out and removed off-site for treatment.
- The building extension for the café will be constructed to match the existing building with the same shape and roof line. It will constructed from materials similar to the existing buildings: timber cladding, aluminium window joinery and a standard colour steel roof. The colour scheme of the existing building was specified by the Department of Conservation to minimise visual impact.
- The café will contain a kitchen for food preparation, a serving counter and tables and chairs for customers to use. Access will be provided from the deck at the front of the building.

Construction plan

- The building extension will be constructed over the winter months to minimise any disruption to Rapids Jet customers. No disruption is anticipated for visitors using the Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve. Where possible components will constructed and assembled off-site.

- Any operations that may generate noise or other disruptions will be undertaken outside of peak times.
- Temporary fencing will be installed around the construction site and signage installed to notify visitors of the hazards.
- A recycling programme will be used to minimise any waste during construction. The site will be kept tidy at all times.
- All consents required by the Taupo District Council will be obtained.



Existing building (cafe extension will be located to the right)



Detail of building construction and colour scheme



Front of existing office with deck

H. Environmental Impact Assessment

Please refer to the separate *Environmental Impact Assessment*

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department's decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 please list all the locations of your proposal, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 3b:H.

Refer to Steps 1 and 2 in your Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment to help you fill in this section.

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
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I. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 3a:1.

N/A

TAUHARA NORTH AWA AND COMPANY LP
Trading as RAPIDS JET

Environmental Impact Assessment
TO LEASE PART OF
ARATIATIA RAPIDS RECREATION RESERVE



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2019 Tauhara North Awa and Company LP purchased Rapids Jet (2004) Limited.

Rapids Jet have held a concession to locate facilities on the Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve since 1999. The current 10-year concession, which expires on 2 April 2023, was transferred to Tauhara North Awa and Company LP.

The jetty and jet boat activities are located off public conservation land on the Waikato River, managed by the Waikato Regional Council. Rapids Jet hold all the necessary permits from the Waikato Regional Council and Maritime New Zealand to operate a jet boat business on the Waikato River.

In the future Rapids Jet envisage the existing track from Spa Park to Aratiatia Rapids, along the Waikato River, being extended to this site. Visitors arriving by foot or bicycle could return the same way after refreshments or be shuttled back to Taupo.

Rapids Jet are applying for a new concession to lease 1 hectare with a 30-year term to provide greater certainty for the business.

This environmental impact assessment is prepared as part of the concession application.



Proposed lease area - Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE

The site to be leased is in the Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve. This is located beside the Waikato River below Huka Falls and the Aratiatia Rapids, 15 km north of Taupo.

Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve is located on a river terrace. The vegetation is predominantly grass. In 1993 12,000 native plants were planted. There is also 20 hectares of Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) planted.

There are a number of plant pests including pines, Lupin, broom, gorse and Himalayan Honeysuckle. Animal pests include rabbits, hares and possums.

Nga Awa Purua Road is sealed. It runs through the reserve and provides access to the Nga Awa Purua geothermal power station.

The reserve provides access to the Waikato River for fishing and kayaking.

The Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre is located adjacent to the reserve. The Centre leases 39 hectares of the reserve to graze horses and locate jumps.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE CONCESSION

The primary purpose of the concession is to lease 1 hectare of the Aratiatia Rapids Recreation Reserve to locate visitor facilities associated with a jet boat operation. The jet boat operation occurs off public conservation land on the Waikato River.

The current visitor facilities are;

- Gravel driveway and carpark.
- 140 m² visitor centre and deck.
- 31 m² fully contained 4-pan toilet block (all effluent is contained, pumped out and removed off site for treatment).
- 50 metre walking track from visitor centre to Waikato River.
- Underground power supply and phone line.

It is proposed that additional visitor facilities be permitted;

- Sealing of the current driveway and carpark.
- The construction of a 140 m² café building and deck. This new building will be constructed to match the existing visitor centre.
- Install signage on the corner of Aratiatia and Nga Awa Purua Roads.
- Note – the jetty used to load and unload passengers from the jet boats is located off public conservation land and is operated under a permit issued by the Waikato Regional Council.



Proposed lease area and location of the underground power cable



Current facilities on the lease area



Location of proposed café on the lease area

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve	Native vegetation	Damage caused by walking on vegetation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep on the formed track. ➤ Avoid any areas of sensitive vegetation.
	Plant pests	Positive effect of controlling plant pests on the lease area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ongoing weed control programme that includes weed spraying and physical control.
	Animal pests	Positive effect of controlling pest animals on lease area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ongoing pest control programme.
	Visual impact	Buildings impact on the natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The existing buildings have been constructed using natural materials where possible. ➤ The new café building will be constructed using similar natural materials. ➤ Take advice from DOC staff on suitable colour schemes for buildings.
	Historic Values	Damage to historic sites including wahi tapu.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stay on existing paths. ➤ Ensure that any interpretation is consistent with local values.
	Cultural Values	Sharing the history of the area with visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that any interpretation is consistent with iwi values. ➤ Educate staff and customers to foster greater

	Noise	Increased noise of vehicles and visitors on the reserve. Increased noise during construction	understanding and respect for cultural values, stories and traditions. Educate staff and customers on the need for respect for other visitors and their quiet enjoyment of the area.
	Rubbish	Rubbish could be generated by staff and visitors.	Schedule any high noise activities for periods of low visitation. All rubbish to removed and disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner outside of the reserve. Implementation of a programme that encourages staff and customers to reuse and recycle. Educate staff and customers on the Environmental Care Code.
	Illegal activities	Rubbish generated during construction Monitor behaviour of other users including those dumping rubbish and camping illegally.	Keep the site tidy at all times. Tidy site regularly and recycle any waste. The presence of Rapids Jet on the reserve reduces the incidence of illegal activities. If required, illegal activities are reported to DOC staff or police.
	Toilets	Safe disposal of all septic waste Wastewater from café kitchen	All sewerage and wastewater collected in fully contained toilet system. All waste pumped out and transported to an approved waste treatment plant. All wastewater collected in fully contained toilet system. All wastewater pumped out and transported to an approved waste treatment plant.

Fuel storage

Spillage onto the ground.

- Only fuel required for daily use is kept onsite. No bulk fuel stored on site.
- Use of industry approved fuel containers.
- Train staff in the correct methods for fuel transfer.
- Provide fuel spill kits and train staff in their use.
- Report any fuel spills to the Department of Conservation.

5.0 Summary

- The purpose of this concession is to lease 1 hectare of Aratiatia Rapids Scenic Reserve.
- A 140 m² visitor centre and 31 m² toilet block are currently located on the site.
- The visitor centre building will be extended to allow for the operation of a café.
- A sign will be installed.
- The driveway and carpark will be sealed.
- The actual and potential effects of the proposal on the immediate and surrounding environment have been assessed as being no more than minor.
- The proposal is consistent with the Tongariro Taupo Conservation Management Strategy.

Certificate of Registration

TAUHARA NORTH AWA AND COMPANY LP

NZBN: 9429047182103

This is to certify that **TAUHARA NORTH AWA AND COMPANY LP** was registered under the Limited Partnerships Act 2008 on the 10th day of December 2018

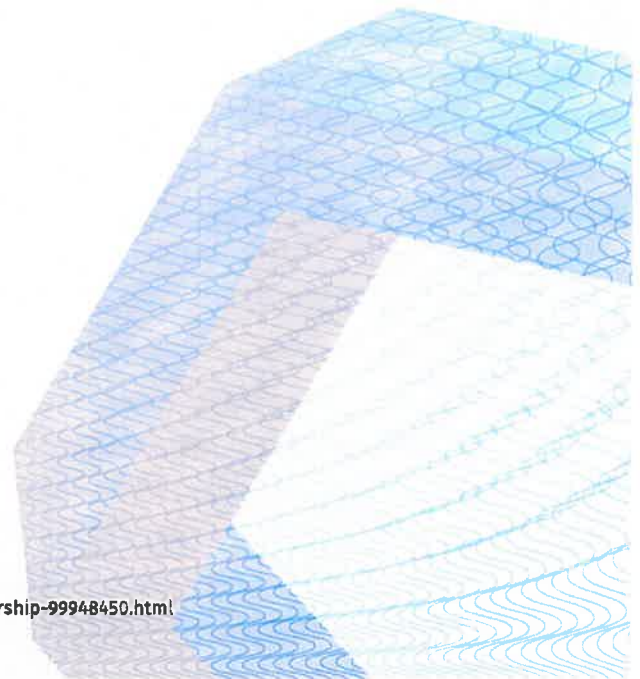


Registrar of Companies
10th day of December 2018



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JET BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATE

Issued pursuant to section 41 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994
in accordance with Part 82 of the maritime rules
by the Director of Maritime New Zealand

Owner Name: Tauhara North Awa and Company LP
Address: 283 Vaughan Road
Owhata
Rotorua 3010

SOP Number: J0040

Trading Name: Rapids Jet

This is to certify that the boat(s) operated by the above operator and listed below has/have been inspected. The operator's safe operational plan has been approved and the jet boating operation has been audited and has been found to be in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Safety of Jet Boats Operating on Rivers prescribed by Appendix 1 of Part 82 of the Maritime Rules.

Area(s) of operation:

Waikato River below the Aratiatia Dam including the Nga-Awa Purua Rapids (often called Full James Rapids) to the Paetataroa/Pueto Stream.

Jet Boat Details:

MNZ Number	Engine Make	Jet Unit Make	Vessel Name
130000	Chev 496	Hamilton 212	WAIMA
133592	Chev 496	Hamilton 212	WAINUI
133975	Chev 496	Hamilton 212	WAIITA

Audit Date: **31 May 2017**

This certificate is valid until **16 January 2023** subject to:

- Audits required in accordance with section 54 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994
- The owner and vessel details being kept up to date and the applicable requirements of Part 82 being met.

Issued at WELLINGTON this 17th day of January 2019



Karol N Patelesio
Advisor Operator Certification
Acting under delegated authority

Certificate Number: 61979

TESTIMONIAL FOR TAUHARA NORTH AWA AND COMPANY LP

Rapids Jet Business – operated by Tauhara North Awa and Company LP

Tauhara North Awa and Company LP is a client of our firm. We have had a longstanding and valued relationship with other related business entities to Tauhara North Awa and Company LP since 2007.

Tauhara North Awa and Company LP and all related businesses are prudently managed, financially very sound and have always been highly respected by our firm. Significant business success has been achieved by the group with many years of hard work and commitment to their business goals. The commitment to a long-term vision, ethical governance, environmental and business sustainability by Tauhara North Awa and Company LP means we are happy to recommend them as lessees.



Barry Draper - Director

22 July 2019



03 July 2017

Mr Geoff Smith
General Manager
Tauhara North Awa and Company LP
706 Aratiatia Road
RD2 Taupō 3378

Dear Geoff

Letter in support of concession application: Tauhara North Awa and Company LP trading as Rapids Jet

I understand you are currently in the process of seeking a renewal of your concession with the Department of Conservation for the Rapids Jet operation. Destination Great Lake Taupō is happy to provide this testimonial in support of the application.

Destination Great Lake Taupō's (DGLT's) purpose is to market the Great Lake Taupō region as a visitor destination in order to increase visitor numbers and maximise the benefits to the regional economy. A key component of DGLT's role is to support organisations and initiatives that deliver quality experiences for these visitors.

Rapids Jet have operated jet boat operations on the Waikato River for a number of years and as such are part of our local tourism industry. To date they have proven to be a sound and successful operator. Under the current owners they have significantly grown and improved the business, with a strong safety record and outstanding tourism offer. Rapids Jet is now one of the core tourism experiences in the Great Lake Taupō region.

We are fully supportive of Rapids Jet's application for a new concession to enable them to continue to operate jet boat experiences on the Waikato River.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

Jane Wilson
General Manager

