

## Joanne Lewis

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**From:** LanduseInformationRegister [landuseinformationregister@waikatoregion.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 December 2017 9:55 p.m.  
**To:** 'Joanne Lewis'  
**Subject:** RE: Land Use Information Register enquiry: 480 Whareroa Road, Tongariro Ward (part of Whareroa Station)

Dear Joanne,

Thank you for enquiry regarding information the Waikato Regional Council may hold relating to potential contamination at the land area indicated in your email below; being:

**PART OF 480 Whareroa Road, Tongariro Ward: Pt Hauhungaroa 6A Blk (Parcel ID 4376983)**

**PART OF 6223 State Highway 32, Whakamaru: PART OF Pt Hauhungaroa 6B (Part of Parcel ID 4519628)**

**Background:** The Waikato Regional Council maintains a register of properties known to be contaminated on the basis of chemical measurements, or potentially contaminated on the basis of past land use. This register (called the Land Use Information Register) is still under development and should not be regarded as comprehensive. The 'potentially contaminated' category is gradually being compiled with reference to past or present land uses that have a greater than average chance of causing contamination, as outlined in the Ministry for the Environment's Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL): <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/hazards/contaminated-land/is-land-contaminated/hazardous-activities-industries-list.pdf>

**This area of land:** I can confirm that this area of land **does not** currently appear on the Land Use Information Register. Because there is difficulty in identifying this land exactly, for your reassurance I have inserted a map snip of our HAIL spatial layer (overlaid on the aerial photograph in orange); you can see one HAIL site nearby which is associated with the Whareroa Refuse Transfer Station.



**District Councils:** Our records are not integrated with those of territorial authorities, so it would also be worth contacting the Taupo District Council to complete your audit of Council records if you have not already done so. In

general, information about known contaminated land will be included on a property LIM produced by the territorial authority.

**Rural Land Considerations:** Examples of sites that are "more likely than not" to have soil contamination (HAIL sites) include timber treatment activities, service stations and/or petroleum storage, panel beaters, spray painters, etc. Whilst pastoral farming is not included on this list, typical farming activities of horticulture, sheep dipping, chemical storage, petroleum storage and workshops are; but are more difficult to identify and may not be as well represented on the Land Use Information Register. Therefore, individuals interested in pastoral land may be interested in completing further investigations in accordance with Ministry for the Environment Guidelines prior to land purchase and/or development.

**Additional Information:** Please note that:

- Significant use of lead-based paint on buildings can, in some cases, pose a contamination risk; the use of lead-based paint is not recorded on the Land Use Information Register.
- Buildings in deteriorated or derelict condition which contain asbestos can result in asbestos fibres in soil; the use of asbestos in building materials is not recorded on the Land Use Information Register.
- The long term, frequent use of superphosphate fertilisers can potentially result in elevated levels of cadmium in soil; the use of superphosphate fertiliser is not recorded on the Land Use Information Register.
- We are not currently resourced to fully incorporate historic aerial photographs in our region-wide assessment of HAIL activities. A significant proportion of the Crown historical aerial image archive for the Waikato region is available to view free of charge at <http://retrolens.nz/>. We recommend this resource is consulted for any HAIL assessment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries, or would like to discuss the matter further.

Regards,

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**From:** Joanne Lewis [mailto:[joanne@lewisconsultancy.co.nz](mailto:joanne@lewisconsultancy.co.nz)]

**Sent:** Sunday, 3 December 2017 8:48 p.m.

**To:** LanduseInformationRegister <[landuseinformationregister@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:landuseinformationregister@waikatoregion.govt.nz)>

**Subject:**

Good morning,

I am assisting the owners of the land in the attached certificates of title, and need to know if these properties appear for any reason on your Land Information Register as having been used for any activity on the HAIL in terms of the NES for managing contaminated soil and human health. The aerial photo below shows the two areas – the land is immediately north of the Whareroa Stream (and Whareroa Village) on the southern shores of Lake Taupo.





The land concerned is currently held in two parcels:

- The western portion of the land is part of Whareroa Station. The legal description of this 1,742 ha block of Maori Freehold Land is "Part Hauhungaroa No 6B Block" and it is in the ownership of The Proprietors of Whareroa Station. It is the eastern corner of the Whareroa Station land (a 6.4 ha area identified with a dashed line in the aerial photograph above) which is the land concerned. The certificate of title for the Whareroa Station property is attached as Appendix 2a;
- The remainder of the land (east of the first parcel) is 18.9873ha and has a legal description "Part Hauhungaroa No 6A Block" and it is in the ownership of The Proprietors of Hauhungaroa No 6. The certificate of title is contained in Appendix 2b.

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