



**Waitemata**

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### Council lifts ban on Lake Pupuke recreational activities

Dear neighbour,

As you may be aware, Auckland Council has now removed its ban on Lake Pupuke recreational activities following last month's leakage of diesel from our hospital storage tanks.

Council has advised that water sample test results received on 14 July found that the level of fuel contamination in the lake is below the limit of detection.

As a result of the testing, Council officers were satisfied the effect on lake water quality was 'negligible', although they noted that it is possible small pockets of visible sheen could still be encountered and should be avoided. Weather and natural processes were expected to continue to break down any remaining residue.

The Council media release can be accessed via

<http://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/news/2016/07/lake-pupuke-water-quality-tested-following-oil-spill/>

This is very positive news and, on behalf of Waitemata DHB, I reiterate our thanks to you for your patience and understanding as we have worked with Council, the Department of Conservation and other experts to remediate the lake.

The DHB is deeply sorry the spill occurred. We appreciate that the lake is a special place for our community in general and our near neighbours in particular. We will continue monitoring the lake for any impacts and will work with the relevant agencies as required.

Council's investigation into the diesel leak is ongoing and we continue to cooperate fully with this process. Anyone seeking any further information on Council's health advice about water quality testing is encouraged to contact Regional Environmental Control via [recontamination@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:recontamination@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) or call 301 0101.

The DHB again extends its offer to provide guided site visits for anyone interested. It is an important health and safety requirement that visits to the site are coordinated through this process. Please email me directly to arrange access.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Paine'.

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