

## Independent Auditor's Report

### To the readers of Lake Taupō Protection Trust's financial statements and performance information for the year ended 30 June 2016

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Lake Taupō Protection Trust (the Trust). The Auditor-General has appointed me, B H Halford, using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and performance information of the Trust on her behalf.

#### Opinion on the financial statements and the performance information

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Trust on pages 8 to 22, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the performance information of the Trust on pages 2 to 7.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Trust:
  - present fairly, in all material respects:
    - its financial position as at 30 June 2016; and
    - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.
- the performance information of the Trust presents fairly, in all material respects, the Trust's actual performance compared against the performance targets and other measures by which performance was judged in relation to the Trust's objectives for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Our audit was completed on 5 August 2016. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and our responsibilities, and explain our independence.

## **Basis of opinion**

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and carry out our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the performance information are free from material misstatement.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that, in our judgement, are likely to influence readers' overall understanding of the financial statements and the performance information. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in our opinion.

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and in the performance information. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the performance information, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the preparation of the Trust's financial statements and performance information in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of accounting policies used and whether they have been consistently applied;
- the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates and judgements made by the Board of Trustees;
- the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Trust's framework for reporting performance;
- the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements and in the performance information; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements and the performance information.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and the performance information. Also, we did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and the performance information.

We believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements for the Trust that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for preparation of the performance information for the Trust.

The Board of Trustees' responsibilities arise from the Local Government Act 2002 and the Trust Deed.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements and the performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for the publication of the financial statements and the performance information, whether in printed or electronic form.

### **Responsibilities of the Auditor**

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and the performance information and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our responsibility arises from the Public Audit Act 2001.

### **Independence**

When carrying out the audit, we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the External Reporting Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with or interests in the Trust.



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