

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Health warning lifted for Whirinaki arm of Lake Ohakuri**

The health warning issued on 11 February 2009 for the Whirinaki arm of Lake Ohakuri has been lifted.

Monitoring of Lake Ohakuri on the Waikato River has confirmed that the algal bloom which affected this part of the lake has fallen back to safe levels.

Routine monitoring will continue and any significant changes will be communicated.

“As we have many recreational waters in the area, the sampling points are limited. Blooms can also occur quite quickly in the right conditions, so it is always safest to check the water before you get in.” says Dr Neil de Wet, Public Health Physician. “Look before you leap; if the water looks discoloured, smells unusual, or if there is scum on the surface of lakes or on the beds of rivers, swim or play somewhere else”

Health warnings for Lake Rotorua, Ohau Channel, Okere arm and Kaituna River remain in place.

### **ENDS**

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