

# Rahui over Lake Waikaremoana

NGATI Ruapani has announced the iwi is to place a rahui over Lake Waikaremoana “to protect people and property during a tumultuous political and socially disruptive time”.

Kaumatua Kaunihera for Waikaremoana chairman Tumanako Waiwai made the announcement in a press release sent out late yesterday.

Mr Waiwai said the rahui, which would commence on June 25, banned all activities and access via adjacent Maori Land.

He said tribal members would oversee and “strictly enforce” the rahui until June 29.

“We seek full co-operation and support from all members of the public during this time and will work closely with all stakeholders in the region to ensure minimum disruption.

“This step has been taken to protect people and property during a particularly tumultuous political and socially disruptive time for Ngati Ruapani, Ngai



Tuhoe and Kahungunu descendants of the original owners.”

Mr Waiwai said a “pou rahui” would be placed overlooking Lake Waikaremoana to signal the commencement of the rahui and karakia would be performed when it was lifted.

The implementation of the rahui follows three applications to the Maori Land Court regarding Lake Waikaremoana, which will be heard at Wairoa on June 28.