

## **Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere maimai standards**

### **Standards for the siting, construction, use and maintenance of maimai on Ngāi Tahu lakebed and public conservation land (DOC)**

These standards have been jointly developed and agreed to by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Department of Conservation and North Canterbury Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 5.1 (a) (duties of Fish and Game Council) of the Maimai Agreement (made on 23/9/1997).

1. Maimai are structures for the purpose of game bird hunting.
2. Te Waihora has immense cultural significance to Ngāi Tahu and has significant ecological values, particularly as outstanding habitat for bird fauna. Maimai should therefore be built in a manner which reflects the lake's values by being built of natural materials and of a size and style which doesn't detract from the lake's special landscape.
3. Maimai built according to these standards are exempt from the need for a building consent, provided that they comply with the Building Amendment Act 2013, namely that maimai:
  - are built no higher than one (1) metre above the supporting ground (i.e. lakebed)
  - have no sanitary facilities
  - have no facilities for the storage of potable water
  - have no sleeping accommodation
  - have no cooking facilities
4. Prior to the construction of new maimai hunters must contact DOC (on public conservation land) and Ngāi Tahu (on lakebed) for consent to use a site. This is to ensure that maimai are not built at sites of particular significance (e.g. bird nesting area) - see land tenure map below. Following consent a Fish and Game registration tag must be obtained and installed on the maimai.
5. Maimai must not exceed 5 m<sup>2</sup> or a maximum of 2.5 m x 2.0 m in floor area. Ideally maimai should be built to smaller dimensions.
6. The floor level of maimai must not exceed 1 m above the lakebed (see 3 above) but ideally should be built as low as practicable.
7. The maximum built height of maimai must not exceed 1.5 m above floor level. Brush camouflage on the exterior can slightly exceed this height.

8. Maimai must be built of durable solid timber construction. No steel (e.g. corrugated iron) or concrete is permitted, but wire may be used for attaching camouflage vegetation.
9. Brush cladding is permitted as camouflage on the exterior. Manuka or kanuka is preferable, however, broom that is free of seeds is acceptable. Vegetation must not be obtained from lakeshore public land or Ngāi Tahu lakebed.
10. A partial roof, seat and access ladder are permitted.
11. Maimai must not be locked.
12. Maimai must not be built closer than 90 m from each other but preferably should be much further apart in the interests of safety and successful game bird hunting.
13. Maimai must be maintained in a serviceable condition or removed by the person(s) who built the structure.
14. Vehicle access to maimai during construction, maintenance or use must be confined to the approved vehicle use routes as defined in the Te Waihora Joint Management Plan
15. North Canterbury game bird hunting regulations must be adhered to when hunting from a maimai.