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Site Record Form

NZAA SITE NUMBER: U15/714

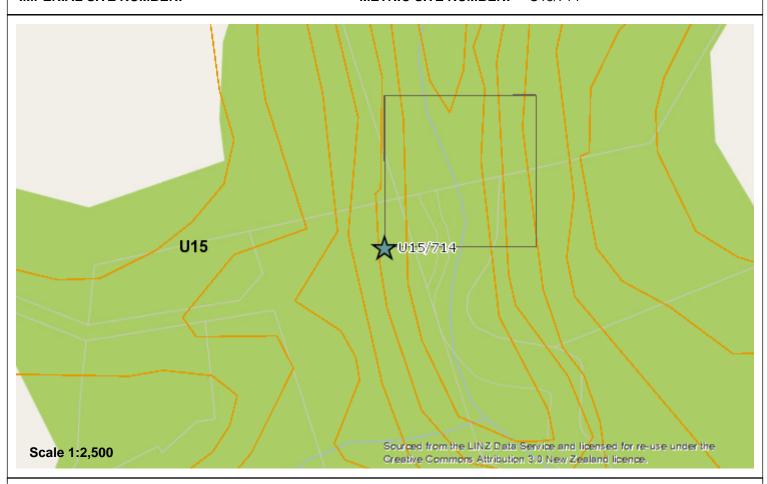
SITE TYPE: Industrial

SITE NAME(s):

DATE RECORDED:

SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting: 1871721 Northing: 5806847 Source: CINZAS

IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER: METRIC SITE NUMBER: U15/714



Finding aids to the location of the site

Brief description

POWER STATION

Recorded features

Other sites associated with this site

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SITE RECORD HISTORY	NZAA SITE NUMBER: U15/714
Site description	
Condition of the site	
Statement of condition	
Current land use:	
Threats:	

SITE RECORD INVENTORY

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Supporting documentation held in ArchSite

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SITE RECORD FORM

NZMS260 map number

NZMS260 map name

Ngongotaha NZMS260 map edition 2000

NZAA METRIC SITE NUMBER

DATE VISITED 1998

SITE TYPE power station

SITE NAME: MAORI

OTHER Omanawa Falls Power Station

U15/714

Grid Reference

Easting

27 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 2

Northing

63 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 7

1. Aids to relocation of site (attach a sketch map)

Off Omanawa Road. A walking track is signposted, and follows an old access track to the power station. The track ends at a locked steel door that blocks access to the power station. As the plant is underground, and there is no public access, there is little to see. GIS gives a reading of 2781926E 6368374N for vicinity.

- 2. State of site and possible future damage Intact.
- 3. Description of site (Supply full details, history, local environment, references, sketches, etc. If extra sheets are attached, include a summary here)

The Omanawa Falls power plant was designed and built in 1913-15. It was the first underground hydroelectric power station in NZ. In 1921 a larger generator was installed. It was finally decommissioned in 1998 (NZHPT 2005). It is registered as a Category II Historic Place by NZHPT and is number 7358. Site is owned by Tauranga District but is actually within Western Bay of Plenty District.

NZHPT. 2005. Omanawa Power Station. Historical Review 53 (1): 1-6.

4. Owner Lot DPS 82722

Tenant/Manager Address

Address Tauranga District Council

5. Nature of information (hearsay,

brief or extended visit, etc.)

Not visited by recorder. Reference cited only.

Photographs (reference numbers and

where they are held)

Aerial photographs (reference

numbers and clarity of site)

6. Reported by A. Walton Address Wellington Filekeeper Rachel Darmody

9 August 2006

7. Central File (for office use)

Type of site Land classification Condition/threat

Local body



DOCDM 34823