

## Walmsley Municipal Water Supply



Photo Source: E Lens

**Location:** Reservoir Road, Waihi

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

**HDC Heritage Category:** C - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood

Significance

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Includes Water Race timber dam (E2762378 N6422131); Concrete dam on Walmsley Stream (E2761870 N6423351); supplementary timber dam (E2761893 N6423446) and plastic dam (E2761796 N6423582) and supplementary dams and races on Waitete Stream (E2759257 N6421280; E2759127 N6421105)

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:**

**Date of Construction:**

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** HAU246

**Heritage Category:** C

### **Heritage Type:**

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

### **Date Period:**

**1881-1910**

### **Significance:**

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

### **Thematic Context**

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

# Historic Heritage Inventory



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### History:

#### *Main Concrete Dam*

The Walmsley Municipal Water Supply Dam is on the Walmsley Stream, just upstream of a small un-named tributary. This wonderfully ugly concrete structure was built during 1904, with the water being turned on by the Hon. R. J. Seddon on March 13th, 1905. Establishing this water works was a landmark event for the Borough of Waihi, and this structure served Waihi for almost 100 years.

#### *Supplementary Timber Dam*

A smaller wooden dam was built on the tributary (early, but date unknown), not far from the main dam, but it was destroyed by fire. Owen Morgan related that the engineer of this construction was embarrassed when the water was found to be flowing into it from the main dam, instead of vice versa! How this was resolved is unknown. The remains of this dam have been located at E2761893, N6423446. Cast iron pipes are exposed in places.

#### *Plastic Dam*

An additional dam was created further upstream during the 1970's?, and appears to have been repaired or reinstated more recently. It has been constructed of plastic coated wire gabion baskets (rock filled) and black plastic sheeting. It is not supplying water at present.

### Architect:

### Designer:

### Builder:

### Engineer:

### History of changes:

**Condition:** unknown

**Integrity:** substantially intact

### Current Uses:

**Former Uses:** municipal water supply

**Registered owner:** Hauraki District Council; Department of Conservation

### Legal Description:

**Reference Source:** "Heritage notes on the Waihi Municipal Water Supply Dams 1904 –Present" by E Lens

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### Associated Pictures:



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