

# Waiwhatu

| wai - liquid, oil, etc;  
| whatu - stone, core

= Geothermal fluid

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## DEFINITION/WHAKAMĀRAMA

The liquid present inside a geothermal reservoir that can flow to the surface naturally or through wells. Geothermal fluid is the energy carrier that allows the extraction and utilization of heat from the earth.

*Ko te waiwhatu te wē e mau ana i te māpuna hanawhatu, ā, ka rere noa ake rānei, ka rere rānei ma te pokanga puna ki te mata o te whenua. Ko te waiwhatu hoki he kawenga ngao e tatū ai te tangohanga ake me te whakamahinga atu i te hana o te whenua.*

## USAGE/WHAKATAUIRA

Waiwhatu is a hot and concentrated saline solution, having circulated through the very hot rocks of geothermal areas and are enriched with minerals.

*He mehanga kurutai kukū wera te waiwhatu, na te rērere haere i waenga i ngā toka wera rawa o ngā wāhi ahitupua, ā, nā reira hoki i kīkī ai i ngā kohuke.*

WAI  
WHATU