

Waiwhatu

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

= Geothermal fluid

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.

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