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## NKB GALLERY

Artist Cathy Carter's striking prints may look — at least at first glance — like happy travel snaps but there's serious intent in her latest exhibition, *Wai Wai Wai*.

It's inspired by concerns about climate change and our relationship with bodies of water which, as Carter says, is complex and psychological.

She creates these otherworldly images using digital collaging techniques which means while they may look like straight photography, on closer inspection, we can see it's a totally imagined and manipulated seascape with images and textures from different sources pieced and layered together.

But it's worth imagining this: while *Wai Wai Wai* is timely and ecologically driven, the images also aim to uplift and celebrate our delight at being in the water. If we can perhaps think more about doing our bit to clean up our world, maybe stunning seascapes like the one in *Ultra Moana #1* can be the reality rather than something created in a virtual world.

**Cathy Carter's *Wai Wai Wai* is on at the NKB Gallery in Mt Eden as part of the Auckland Festival of Photography until Thursday, June 20**