

Wai 2200: Porirua ki Manawatū District Inquiry

QUARTERLY RESEARCH UPDATE (NO.8)

Waitangi Tribunal staff, November 2016



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Purpose

In their memorandum-directions of 11 June 2014 (Wai 2200, #2.5.77) the Wai 2200 Porirua ki Manawatū panel asked the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (CFRT), claimants, the Crown and Tribunal staff to file quarterly updates on research progress.

This is the eighth update from Tribunal staff.

Recent research commissions

In memorandum-directions dated 21 July 2016 (Wai 2200, #2.5.136), Deputy Chief Judge Fox advised inquiry parties that the Tribunal would shortly commission a research report on Te Āti Awa/Ngātiawa 19th Century land and political engagement issues.

On 17 October 2016, memorandum-directions (Wai 2200, #2.3.18) were released confirming the commissioning of Mr Tony Walzl. We outlined two major research questions for the project:

- What was the nature and evolution of Te Āti Awa/Ngātiawa's political engagement with the Crown and experience of land titling and alienation processes in this district in the period from 1840 to 1900, and with what impacts on Te Āti Awa/Ngātiawa?
- What were the practical experience, outcomes and impacts for Te Āti Awa/Ngātiawa of the Native Land Court process of survey, title, determination and partitioning of the Ngārara block lands and their subsequent alienation in the period from the 1870s to 1900?

The commission began on 1 November 2016, with a draft report due on 21 July 2017. A final report is due to be submitted on 31 August 2017.

The first research hui for this project will be held with the researcher and relevant parties in the coming weeks. Further information about the hui will be provided in due course.

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