

Wai 2200: Porirua ki Manawatū District Inquiry

QUARTERLY RESEARCH UPDATE (NO. 9)

Waitangi Tribunal staff, 30 March 2017



Kia ora koutou katoa

Purpose

Following memorandum-directions of 11 June 2014 (Wai 2200, #2.5.77), we lay out the latest research activity from the Waitangi Tribunal Unit since our previous update in November 2016.

This is the ninth update from Tribunal staff.

Recent research commissions

Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa oral evidence and traditional history report

On 13 March 2017, Deputy Chief Judge Fox released memorandum-directions commissioning Mr Louis Chase to prepare a report for Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa claimants. The project will address:

- The origins and patterns of settlement of Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa peoples in the rohe;
- The geography of the peoples' tribal rohe;
- The peoples' understanding of their rohe, the wāhi tapu within it and their customs for protecting, using and managing these sites, resources and taonga;
- Relationships with neighbouring iwi within the inquiry district;
- Oral histories regarding Crown actions;
- Impacts of land and resource loss on Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa's present situation;
- The state of te reo, tikanga and the exercise of cultural traditions; and
- The current socio-economic status, and opportunities available, for Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa communities in the district.

Iwi affiliations

Louis Chase is of Ngāti Waewae (hapū of Ngāti Tūwharetoa) and Ngāti Pīkiahū (hapū of Ngāti Raukawa) descent. For transparency, Tribunal staff **attach** a declaration of interests for Mr Chase.

Research hui

The first research hui for this project was held with the researcher and relevant parties on **Wednesday 29 March 2017, 5:30-7:30pm** at the **Kāpiti Community Centre, Kōwhai Room**, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. The hui was an opportunity for the researchers to discuss their preliminary work and initial thoughts to do with methodology and approach. It was also an opportunity for the researchers to introduce themselves to the claimant community and make connections for the purposes of gathering information and conducting oral history interviews for the report in the near future.

Current research

In February 2017, two research hui were held with Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa claimants, commissionee, Tony Walzl and co-researcher, Ross Webb. The hui were held at the Kāpiti Community Centre and Whakarongotai Marae and were robust discussions about the early steps and writing being undertaken by Messrs Walzl and Webb.

Research and writing is ongoing. A draft of the report is due for distribution on **Friday 21 July 2017**.

Forthcoming research

In previous memorandum-directions the Presiding Officer advised that the final two Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa research projects would be forthcoming (Wai 2200, #2.5.139). Beyond the oral and traditional history report outlined above, Tribunal staff will also prepare a project brief for a Ngātiawa/Te Āti Awa Twentieth Century Overview and Gap-Filling (local issues) report. However, to avoid duplication of research, this will be done once drafts of all the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (CFRT)'s district-wide reports are released.¹

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¹ District-wide generic reports by CFRT include an inland waterways cultural report; a further historical report for inland waterways; a local government report; block research narratives report; environmental and natural resource issues report; and a report looking at public works issues.