Wai 898

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Te Rohe Pōtae District Inquiry (Wai 898)

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE C L FOX CONCERNING THE JOINT MEMORANDUM FILED BY CROWN COUNSEL AND THE MANIAPOTO MAORI TRUST BOARD

11 January 2018

Tēnā koutou,

1. Joint memorandum of Crown counsel and the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board

1.1. On Friday 22 December 2017, Matanuku Mahuika, counsel for the Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (MMTB) and Geoff Melvin, counsel for the Crown, filed a joint memorandum requesting that this Tribunal prioritise certain topics for early reporting to assist settlement negotiations between Maniapoto and the Crown (Wai 898, #3.5.14).

1.2. The specific topics requested are:

a) the customary interests of Maniapoto and neighbouring groups,

b) the Taranaki and Waikato wars and raupatu, insofar as they relate to Maniapoto, including the issue of displaced populations,

c) the Crown and Te Rohe Pōtae agreements from 1882-1885; and

d) the construction of the main trunk railway.

1.3. Counsel advise that on present projections, the MMTB and the Crown are working towards initialling a deed of settlement in late 2018 and would gain maximum assistance if the Tribunal reported on the advised topics by the end of March 2018.

Response from other parties

1.4. Before this Tribunal responds to the request for early reporting, I would like to hear submissions from other parties on the matter. Specifically, I seek submissions in response to the joint memorandum of Mr Melvin and Mr Mahuika, as well as submissions from parties on their own respective priority issues for reporting and how they would see this Tribunal proceeding in terms of releasing the report in parts, or in full.

1.5. I direct all parties to file these submissions **by 12pm, Monday 12 February 2018.**

2. Judicial Conference

2.1. It will then be a timely opportunity to address and discuss any submissions received on 12 February 2018. I convene a judicial conference to be held as follows:

Judicial Conference

Date: Monday 26th February 2018

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: To be confirmed at a venue in Hamilton.

2.2. The judicial conference will take place in Hamilton. Once the venue is confirmed, I will release further memorandum-directions advising parties accordingly.

2.3. If any counsel or claimants would like to raise any other matter/s to be discussed at this judicial conference, they are to do so via memorandum **by 12pm, Monday 12 February 2018**.

2.4. All parties wishing to attend the judicial conference are to RSVP to the Registrar (WT.Registrar@justice.govt.nz, (04) 914-3000)) **by 12pm, Monday 5 February 2018.**

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 898, the combined record of inquiry for Te Rohe Pōtae District Inquiry.

DATED at Gisborne on this 11th day of January 2018.

Deputy Chief Judge C L Fox
Presiding Officer
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL