

Digitisation Project – Part B:

Māori Land Court minute books

For the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty Inquiry

(Wai 1750)

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Background

This digitisation project has been prepared by the Research Services Team of the Waitangi Tribunal Unit for the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty Inquiry (Wai 1750) (the Inquiry).

In her Pre-Casebook Discussion Paper dated 20 February 2020, Dr Therese Crocker recommended the following non-commissioned support projects to assist the preparation of commissioned research reports:

1. Digitisation project;
2. Block history project;
3. Bay of Plenty primary source identification project; and
4. Mapping exercise.¹

The discussion paper was filed on 4 March 2020 and distributed to parties for comment. Following generally supportive submissions from parties, Judge Doogan directed a research casebook programme for the inquiry on 8 June 2020.² This included all four non-commissioned support projects to assist the preparation of commissioned reports.³

This source is the second of two parts of an expanded digitisation project, incorporating not only material held by Archives New Zealand, but also Māori Land Court files and minute books.

Purpose

The purpose of this source is to assist commissioned researchers for the Inquiry.

Māori Land Court minute books

This part of the Digitisation Project contains the full series of Opotiki minute books as well as a selection of other Māori Land Court minute books identified as containing material of relevance to the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty inquiry district. The majority of minute books in this selection were identified through versions of the Auckland University Māori Land Court Minute Books Index.⁴ It should not be considered a comprehensive collection of all minute books containing material of relevance to the Inquiry. The index provides details of all minute books included in this part of the project.

The PDF copies of minute books were derived from the copies of the minute books available via the Māori Land Information System (MLIS). These PDF copies have not been checked systematically and are likely to reflect any anomalies that exist in the MLIS copies. Researchers should thus exercise caution in using these sources.

¹ Therese Crocker, 'North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry (Wai 1750) Pre-casebook Research Discussion Paper', 20 February 2020 (Wai 1750, #6.2.5), pp. 39-40.

² Wai 1750, #2.5.10

³ Wai 1750, #2.5.12.

⁴ The online version of this index is available at <https://collections.library.auckland.ac.nz/mlcmbi/>