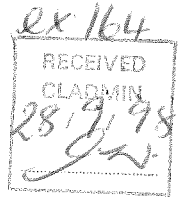


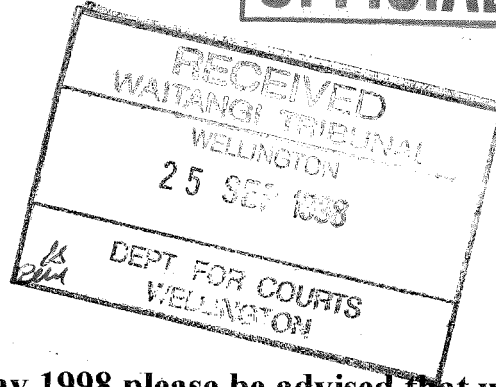
**NGATIKURI WHANAU AND HAPU CLAIM
TO THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

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10TH SEPTEMBER 1998

The Registrar
Waitangi Tribunal
WELLINGTON



Dear Sir,

As per your letter dated 11 May 1998 please be advised that we hereby file a Ngatikuri whanau / hapu / marae claim to the Waitangi Tribunal and on behalf of all Ngatikuri Tribal lands as defined by the Maori Land Court or in agreement with the other tribes.

Te Runanga O Muriwhenua support the Ngatikuri representatives to negotiate and settle our claim and we will work with all Ngatikuri descendants including all organisations representing Ngatikuri interests in our land and fisheries claims and everyone within the Muriwhenua tribes to ensure a strong economic future for Ngatikuri and all Muriwhenua people.

We uphold the kawenata that was signed when the claims started in 1986.

We will ask Te Runanga O Muriwhenua and the crown to provide financial assistance for legal representation and all research resources and all other requirements that we need.

The grievances against the crown in our claim relate to how we have been prejudicially affected by the various Ordinances, Acts, Orders, Regulations, Proclamations and Policies, Property rights, Resource Management and Enviromental laws introduced by the Crown since the Tiriti O Waitangi was signed in 1840 in particular to identify the whenua its owners and resources ie: silica sand (kokota) / forestry its minerals flora and fauna and the cultural / spiritual significant areas of

**our tupuna of Ngatikuri Rangatira Tipene Whakaruru & Waitai
Tipene whanau / hapu**

We would like to address the pre 1840s before the signing of the Tiriti O Waitangi the crowns first take of maori freehold lands in the Te Taitokerau rohe in particular (Muriwhenua Tika Nth) (Muriwhenua Sth) & surrounding moana (sea) & motu (island) Matapia Manawatawhi (Three Kings Island) Rangitahua (kermedic Islands) Kokota Onepu (silica sand) Maunga Protector of the whenua from Tangaroa (sea) Kaitiaki Te Rerenga Wairua (spiritual pathway)

We will file a full statement of claim in the near future.

**Ko Ngamangu te pa
Ko Tipene Whakaruru te tangata
Ko Te kokota te maunga
Ko Parengarenga te wahapu
Ko Ngatairahi te marae
Ko Ngatikuri te hapu**

Waitai Tipene was the first to settle Waihopua (Te Hapua) and built the first raupo native school in 1897.




**Ko maungapiko te maunga
Ko Tohe te tupuna
Ko Te Hiku O Te Ika te marae
Ko Parengarenga te wahapu
Ko Waitiki te awa
Ko Mareitu te urupa
Ko Ngatikuri te whanau / hapu**

This claim has been filed by Henepere Waitai, Bundy Waitai , Pene Waitai, who are all members of Ngatikuri whanau and hapu.

The remedies we seek is for the restoration of our economic financial security and stability of sustainable development our social / political welfare and well being by the return of land and other resources

Please advise us of our WAI number and you may forward all
correspondence to Bundy Waitai PO BOX 542. KAITAIA
Pene Waitai 5 Rongopai Place KAITAIA

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CLAIMANTS / SIGNATORIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>HENEPERE WAITAI</u>		16-9-1998
<u>BUNDY WAITAI</u>		16-9-1998
<u>PENE WAITAI</u>		16-9-1998