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KEI MUA I TE AROARO O TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

BEFORE THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 2200
WAI 113A

IN THE MATTER OF The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND
IN THE MATTER OF The Porirua ki Manawatū Inquiry

AND
IN THE MATTER OF a claim by Warwick Ngapuhi Te Manuao Morehu on behalf of the Haira Whānau o Ngāti Wahiao, a cultural claim regarding Himiona Hakaraia Haira Tūpāpaku on Kāpiti Island.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM OF WARWICK NGAPUHI TE MANUAO MOREHU ON BEHALF OF THE HAIRA WHĀNAU O NGĀTI WAHIAO BEING A CULTURAL CLAIM REGARDING HIMIONA HAKORAIA HAIRA TŪPĀPAKU ON KĀPITI ISLAND

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E TE KAIWHAKAWĀ, TĒNĀ KOE.

1. This claim is made by Warwick Ngapuhi Te Manuao Morehu for himself and for the Haira whanau of Ngāti Wahiao

2. A tūpuna of the Haira whānau, Himiona Hakaraia Haira resides as a tūpāpaku in the Western caves of Kāpiti Island.

3. Himiona Hakaraia Haira is younger brother of Te Akau.

4. The Haira whānau recognise the cultural priority of Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Kauwhata, Ngāti Whakatere Rangatira and others with ancestral associations to Kāpiti Island. They also recognise that there are many important 'tūpāpaku' buried on Kāpiti Island and Himiona Hakaraia Haira is just one of many. The Haira whānau respect that the wishes of these other tūpāpaku and their descendants need to also be taken into account when considering this claim. Nonetheless, the Haira whānau seek to bring this cultural claim to their ancestor.

5. The Haira whānau thereby claim a cultural connection to Kāpiti Island, such that they ask to be consulted in relation to any policy, practice, act or omission that may impact on the Western caves of Kāpiti Island or the surrounding ecosystem.

Findings and Recommendations Sought

6. The Haira whānau seek findings that:

    a) Himiona Hakaraia Haira rests in the western caves of Kāpiti Island; and

b) The Haira whānau have rights and responsibilities stemming from the presence of their tūpuna on Kāpiti Island, and their concern to protect their tūpuna's resting place.

7. The Haira whānau seek a recommendation that the Crown and other parties protect Himiona Hakaraia Haira's resting place by recognising a duty to consult with his descendants, represented by Warwick Ngapuhi Te Manuao Morehu or his appointees, in relation to any policy, practice, act or omission that may impact on the western caves of Kāpiti Island or the surrounding ecosystem.

Hearing Time Sought

8. Minimal hearing time will be sought to present this claim. The intention is simply to publicly present the relevant whakapapa and supporting cultural evidence to establish the ongoing nature of this whakapapa connection and its subsequent responsibilities.

9. The rationale for seeking hearing time is that the evidence be given orally in order that it may be questioned or tested by others. It is that process of questioning and testing that will prove the veracity of the evidence and ensure that the findings and recommendations sought will be respected and can stand the test of time.

Dated at Wellington this 06 Hōngongoi 2021

Warwick Ngapuhi Te Manuao Morehu

Claimant.