



WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 592

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

a claim by Peter Tukiterangi Clarke and Nigel Baker relating to the Tauhara Middle Blocks

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF TRIBUNAL

The Registrar will please enter this matter on the Register of claims and give it the next available wai number. The register should note that the claim was received on 26 April 1996.

The claimants, on behalf of the Mangakoura Whanau Trust, allege to be prejudiced by actions of the Crown in respect of the Tauhara Middle 4A1O3, 4A1O4 and 4A1N blocks and the creation of Lake Taupo foreshore reserves.

To the extent, if at all, that the claimant is seeking the return of land which is private land (as defined by section 2 of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975), the Tribunal notes that, under section 6(4A) of the same Act, it is prevented from recommending the return to Maori ownership of any private land or the acquisition by the Crown of any private land. This restriction, however, is qualified by sections 8A to 8JH of the same Act.

The claim requires research to be completed before it can go to a hearing and, at this stage, it should be grouped for inquiry with Wai 398 (the Tauhara Middle Block claim), Wai 445 (the Tauhara Middle Block (Claim No 2) claim), Wai 500 (the Tauhara Middle No1 Block claim) and Wai 575 (the Tuwharetoa Comprehensive claim). The claim falls within the Volcanic Plateau Rangahaua Whanui district, for which a district report has been commissioned by the Tribunal. The report has now been released as a "working paper - first release" and the Registrar is directed to send a copy to the claimant.

The claimant may amend the claim at a later stage, if necessary.

A copy of this direction should be sent to the claimant and notification should go to:

- Crown Law Office
- Maori Land Information Office
- Office of Treaty Settlements
- Department of Survey and Land Information
- Crown Forestry Rental Trust
- Claimant/Counsel for:
- Wai 57 Rotokawa Claim

Wai 226 Tuwharetoa Geothermal Areas Claim
Wai 367 South Taupo Lands & Lake Taupo Claims
Wai 398 Tauhara Middle Block Claim
Wai 445 Tauhara Middle Block (Claim No 2) Claim
Wai 500 Tauhara Middle No1 Block Claim
Wai 575 Tuwharetoa Comprehensive Claim

Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board
Taupo District Council
Waikato Regional Council

DATED at Wellington this 31st day of May 1996



Deputy Chief Judge NF Smith
Deputy Chairperson
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