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WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 669 2.1

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act
1975

AND a claim by James Turi
Koko relating to the
Tauhara Middle Block

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 March 1997.

The claimant, on behalf of the Ngati Hineure Incorporated Society, alleges to have been prejudicially affected by the Crown's acquisition of the Tauhara Middle Block.

The claimant seeks a variety of relief including the return of the Waimihia forest and the transfer to the claimant of "State-Owned Enterprises interests." 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 the resumption provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (see sections 8A to 8HJ of the Act).

The claimant raises a number of concerns regarding entitlement to funding from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust. The Tribunal advises that these are matters that need to be discussed directly with the Trust.

The claim requires research to be completed before it can go to a hearing and will be heard with other claims with which it overlaps.

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

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to the claimant and to give notice to:

Crown Law Office
Maori Land Information Office
Office of Treaty Settlements
Land Information New Zealand
Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Claimant/Counsel for:

Wai 57 Rotokawa claim
Wai 226 Tuwharetoa Geothermal Areas claim
Wai 398 Tauhara Middle Block claim

1996/1997/18

Wai 445 Tauhara Middle Block (Claim No 2) claim
Wai 500 Tauhara Middle No1 Block claim
Wai 575 Tuwharetoa Comprehensive claim
Wai 592 Mangakoura Whanau Trust claim
Wai 604 Runanga Blocks claim
Wai 665 Tauhara Middle Block (Ngati Hinerau) claim

Ministry for the Environment
Ministry of Commerce
Ministry of Forestry
Office of the Minister of State-Owned Enterprises
Department of Conservation
Electricity Corporation of New Zealand
Land Corporation Limited
Fletcher Challenge Forests
Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board
Taupo District Council
Waikato Regional Council

DATED at Wellington this *30th* day of April 1997



Deputy Chief Judge NF Smith
Deputy Chairperson
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL