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Concerning the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

And the Central North Island inquiries

**FURTHER RESPONSE**

**BY**

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**TO**

**QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION**

**OF**

**TE MATUA WHENUA**

**THE LAND HISTORY AND ALIENATION DATABASE**

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### Introduction

Following a memorandum by the Tribunal seeking clarification on some questions relating to the Land History and Alienation Database (Document #2.3.73), I provided my response to all but one of the questions posed. This Further Response concerns the sole remaining question to be addressed.

### Request 3.9

*Mr Alexander has produced data in Appendix 1 (paragraph 15, page 5) of his main brief showing the percentage of land still in Maori ownership as at 2000 (by districts and for the region). He is requested to supply acreage figures and percentages in similar fashion for the years ended 31 December 1849, 1859, 1869, 1879, 1889, 1899, 1909, 1919, 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, and the data queries and date of extraction for obtaining this information.*

In my Appendix Two I explained at paragraph 5 how the alienation data could not be used to calculate the amount of land remaining in Maori ownership on any particular date, but that a different calculation method was required for that. This request is for that different calculation method.

The data has been assembled by querying the database for all block names with a start date earlier than or equal to 31 December of the relevant year, and an end date later than 31 December of the relevant year. This produces a list of block names that were "active" as at the relevant date. From this list all block names with "(European Roll)" in their name were excluded, as these are the link block names describing lands in non Maori ownership between two periods of Maori ownership.

Because the database only starts recording details about blocks once they pass through the Native Land Court system, or once they have been affected by a Crown transaction such as a public works or road taking, then that means that it does not address Maori customary land prior to Court/Crown dealings. This has been resolved by treating each inquiry district as the sum of all the initial blocks in the database, and giving all initial blocks a default start date of a date prior to 25 September 1839, being the date of the first recorded alienation. Thus the sum of all the initial blocks represents 100% Maori ownership of the Central North Island inquiry district prior to September 1839, and all percentage calculations in the table below are percentages of the sum of the initial blocks.

The table includes the whole of the Ngati Awa Confiscation block, and also Lake Taupo, which were excluded from area calculations in my Appendix One, and were treated separately in my Appendix Two. To exclude those blocks from the figures in the table below, it would be necessary to:

- subtract the area of the portion of the Ngati Awa Confiscation block that was not awarded as Arawa military awards or an award to Ngati Pikiiao, being 26,008 hectares, from the Sum of All Initial Blocks and from the 1839, 1849 and 1859 figures for Rotorua, then recalculate the percentages.
- Subtract the area of Lake Taupo and the Waikato River down to just below Huka Falls, being 61,454 hectares, from the Sum of All Initial Blocks and from the

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1839 to 1919 figures for Taupo, and also subtract 61,453 hectares from the 1999 figure for Taupo, then recalculate the percentages. The difference of 1 hectare is due to the database treating the area of the Lake Taupo control gates at the lake outlet being taken in 1926 but not returned in 1993.

The dataset has been displayed in a series of Excel spreadsheets, one for each decade, which have been included on the CD that is being supplied by Crown Forestry Rental Trust to the Tribunal in response to Request 2.2 of Document #2.3.73.

	Rotorua Number of Block Names	Rotorua Area (hectares)	Kaingaroa Number of Block Names	Kaingaroa Area (hectares)	Taupo Number of Block Names	Taupo Area (hectares)	Central North Island Number of Block Names	Central North Island Area (hectares)
Sum of All Initial Blocks	656	351,601	26	258,324	146	556,170	828	1,166,095
31/12/1839	655	351,472 99.9%	26	258,324 100.0%	146	556,170 100.0%	827	1,165,966 100.0%
31/12/1849	654	351,455 99.9%	26	258,324 100.0%	146	556,170 100.0%	826	1,165,949 100.0%
31/12/1859	653	351,454 99.9%	26	258,324 100.0%	146	556,170 100.0%	825	1,165,949 100.0%
31/12/1869	677	325,441 92.6%	26	258,324 100.0%	146	556,170 100.0%	849	1,139,935 97.8%
31/12/1879	653	308,617 87.8%	25	258,117 99.9%	144	553,196 99.5%	822	1,119,930 96.0%
31/12/1889	743	222,280 63.2%	33	59,389 23.0%	152	424,874 76.4%	928	706,543 60.6%
31/12/1899	842	140,468 40.0%	40	33,801 13.1%	179	375,385 67.5%	1061	549,654 47.1%
31/12/1909	1305	129,926 37.0%	59	33,056 12.8%	255	363,589 65.4%	1619	526,571 45.2%
31/12/1919	1811	106,226 30.2%	97	23,849 9.2%	510	322,415 58.0%	2418	452,490 38.8%
31/12/1929	2153	92,665 26.3%	160	22,003 8.5%	935	226,359 40.7%	3248	341,027 29.2%
31/12/1939	2457	89,668 25.5%	178	10,441 4.0%	1158	200,911 36.1%	3793	301,020 25.8%

31/12/1949	2951	88,860 25.3%	192	10,441 4.0%	1352	189,506 34.1%	4495	288,807 24.8%
31/12/1959	4210	86,382 24.6%	204	10,389 4.0%	1819	179,753 32.3%	6233	276,524 23.7%
31/12/1969	4006	68,376 19.4%	126	8,706 3.4%	1644	171,587 30.8%	5776	248,669 21.3%
31/12/1979	3440	64,593 18.4%	114	8,438 3.3%	1213	170,645 30.7%	4767	243,676 20.9%
31/12/1989	3237	63,648 18.1%	122	8,160 3.2%	1239	166,345 29.9%	4598	238,153 20.4%
31/12/1999	3081	63,657 18.1%	128	8,050 3.1%	1301	228,501 41.1%	4510	300,208 25.7%

