

**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL  
KEI MUA I TE TARAPIUNARA**

**Wai 2700  
Wai 2655**

**UNDER**

**The Treaty of Waitangi  
Act 1975**

**CONCERNING**

**The Mana Wāhine  
Kaupapa Inquiry**

**AND**

**Nga Kairauhii Nannies  
Against P Claim (Wai  
2655)**

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**BRIEF OF EVIDENCE OF MEMORY MATERORI JANE KAUKAU**

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## **Introduction**

1. My name is Memory Materori Jane Kaukau and I am giving this evidence on behalf of Nga Kairauhii Nannies Against P Claim.
2. The Nannies Against P rōpu describe ourselves as a ‘whānau ora’ kaupapa: nannies wanting to help and support nannies in any way we can, like nannies do. Our focus is on nannies who have been affected by whānau who are using methamphetamine also known as ‘P’. Many of our nannies are facing trauma and isolation caused by this drug. Through our rōpū, we support one another emotionally, spiritually, and practically—through hui, outreach, advocacy, and simply being there when no one else is.
3. Nannies Against P have put forward a claim to the Waitangi Tribunal because despite our best efforts, we have not received the support we need from the Crown for our kaupapa to protect our nannies. Our nannies have become vulnerable to the destruction caused by methamphetamine in our communities. We hope that with our collective evidence the Tribunal will see the urgent need for a wāhine-led response that supports the safety and hauora of our nannies. We want the nannies to feel empowered so they can stand up to their whānau and reclaim their mana.

## **Personal experience with ‘P’**

4. Before methamphetamine entered my whānau, I knew very little about the drug. I remember reading about it once and thinking, “Oh my goodness, that’s terrible”, but that was it. At that time, I did not have to deal with it in my life or in my living environment.
5. But that changed because of my son and his ex-partner. My son lives in Sydney. He was married and had two children from that marriage. Unfortunately, due to the mother’s drug habit and her preference to be with someone addicted to drugs, she parted with my son and took the children with her.

6. It wasn't until a couple of years later that I began to hear more serious concerns. The mother had started showing signs of being a desperate drug addict. The violence she showed to her mother and sisters was out of character, and my grandchildren had to witness it all.
7. One night, she got a beating from her boyfriend. My moko were in their room, fast asleep. The police got involved and their grandmother had to pick them up from the police station. As a result, my moko (at the time three and six years old) were listed as victims of family violence. Even though they were not physically hurt, the listing meant that if there was ever another incident like this in the future, the kids would be taken from their mother.
8. In 2013, I travelled to Sydney and gave my son and his ex-partner an ultimatum. All of this was such a shock to me as I had never grown up seeing my parents or my koro and kuia being put in such a situation. I couldn't understand how this drug had become the number one priority for the mother of my moko. So, I told them to sort themselves out or I would take the kids.
9. When I travelled back to Sydney in March 2017 to see my son and moko, I was happy to see they were doing well, and my moko were happy.

#### **Nga Kaihaurii Trust and Nannies Against P**

10. I became involved with the Nga Kairauhii Trust in 2008 as an administrator. Nga Kairauhii, meaning the caretakers, was set up as a trust in 1997 to provide health and wellbeing initiatives on marae. The Trust is represented by six marae communities: Mihiroa, Omahu, Runanga, Matahiwi, Te Awhina and Waimarama.
11. In February 2017, at a Nga Kaihaurii Trust hui, one of our aunties (who has since passed) shared with us what was happening with her and her whānau because of methamphetamine addiction. After Aunty spoke, others at the hui shared their experiences too. We realised then that this must be happening to other nannies too. So, we called three hui: first at Omahu, then Matahiwi and finally Kohupatiki. We wanted to see how

24. We've had other services providers come and talk to us about their services that we can tap into. It would be great to have these services attached to the safe house so that the nannies can have all the support they need to look after themselves and the moko in their care.

**Conclusion**

25. As I learn more about meth, I feel very sad. This drug causes so much physical and mental damage to the person using it, but also physical and mental violence, intimidation, and harm to their whānau. There is no hiding the fact that the community is also affected, as strangers and businesses are being intimidated, violently abused and robbed.
26. There are many organisations helping those with addiction. But our Nannies Against P rōpū is there to help the nannies who have no one to turn to. I can see through our work that the nannies who we have helped have re-gained that strength and resolve. They have learned that they are strong, powerful and don't have to put up with the abuse. This is why our kaupapa is so important.



Memory Jane Kaukau



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