

a) Objection Notice 2 August 2025 for *Dissolution of the WAI 78 Claimants*.

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TE TOIWHITIHO A TE ARIKI TAPAIRU™



2 August 2025

Kia hiwa ra, kia hia ra
Kia hiwa ra ki tenei tuku
Kia hiwa ra ki tera tuku
Kia tu, kia oho, kia mataara!

Ki-a whaka-whenua au i a-hau! Hi! Au-e, Hi!
Ko Ngaitai e ngu-ngu-ru nei! Au, Au, Au-ë Ha!
Ko kapa o nga matua tupuna e ngu-ngu-ru nei! Au, Au, Au-ë Ha!
I ahaha!

Ka tū te ihi-ihī Ka tū te wana-wana ki runga ki te rangi
E tū iho nei, E tū iho nei. Hi!

E te kahui ariki o Torerenuiarua raua ko Manaakiao, rau rangatira ma tena tatau katoa.

Who are we and why are we here? We are all we are here for.

Our words are our way forward. Our words are our own.

When we were voted on as a claimant we were who we said we were.

Who are you Mr Vercoe to say what you have said?

Do we do what we do for who we are or for you Mr Vercoe?

We are our own way forward with or without you Mr Vercoe!

We are our own way forward when we are in Torere or not.

We herein register our concerns.

1. Your conflicts of interest Mr Vercoe as the nephew of the Claimant Muriel Jones and that of your collective personal gain for your own whanau without regard for the Ngaitai Iwi. I have requested a **conflicts register** more than once to which the Ngaitai Iwi Authority has not provided and therefore the sensitive information for the claim we wish to contribute is hereby safe-guarded.

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2. The Ngaitai Iwi Authority therefore is required to take responsibility for nothing less than being responsible for installing a pre-determined flawed process to ensure Mr Vercoe is now presenting for total control of WAI78.
3. An obvious conflict of interest is the fact that the Claim questions the debt created by a surveyor with the same last name. To underpin the first laws of the New Zealand Parliament is encoded with events and circumstances found in the notes belonging to my grandfather that have been used in the claims for Te Whakatohea without being recognised as such. This is why my grandfather was taken to Claude Edwards father on his passing; for me to never forget the transfer of matauranga given to uncle Claude who recognised my grandfather as his tuakana! I will not hand my knowledge over to a lawyer misrepresenting Ngaitai! My grandfather did not sign the original claim because he was relocated. My grandfather contributed to WAI78 as did many other koroua of his time and before him.
4. Te Whakahuihui Vercoe was also known as Te Whakatoopu in relation to the Land Consolidation Act of 1912 and so on. It is said that he was preordained for a certain purpose that appears to me to have been hijacked!
5. In regard to the proposed Memorandum Of Understanding, the Claimant Muriwai Jones volunteered to draft a more appropriate version on behalf of the Claimants of which she has not done. In conversations with her, I have also been made aware of her possibly being bullied by the claims manager and her whanau members. What assistance have you given the claimants aside from dictating to them Mr Vercoe?
6. The terms of the legal representative Eve Rongo installed prior to my election have not been provided by the Ngaitai Iwi Authority despite my repeated requests. Her contract was installed by Muriel Jones who I also requested the information from and to this day Muriwai has not fronted with the information. What Eve has provided me is incomplete.
7. Direct concerns from Iwi members about suspicions of Eve's intentions for Ngaitai as disingenuous are matters I have taken seriously as is my role. It is the Iwi who elected me and to them I am accountable to, not you Mr Vercoe.
8. Eve Rongo is suspected to have issues with being a fit and proper legal representative from the bar. I have seen no evidence to say Eve is fit and proper to represent Ngaitai. I therefore advised the NIA and all of the other claimants that I saw it fit for her contract to be terminated. This is why there **appears** to be no movement among Claimants. The NIA is not listening and deliberately so for the premeditated hijacking of the roles and responsibilities of the Claimants.
9. In their wisdom, the Claimants have allowed the issues to be returned to the Ngaitai Iwi for determination. The NIA Trustees and NIA Claims Committee have imposed themselves to the point of being seen for what they truly are!
10. Eve Rongo is suspected to be working with and or among organised crime members and so too are the members of the **Mana Oreti Board**. **You Mr Vercoe** as the

Chairperson of the Ngaitai Iwi Authority have shown no interest in assisting the Claimants and members of the Iwi in regards to these queries. Therefore, you have not safe guarded the Ngaitai Iwi Authority, nor the Ngaitai Iwi. I have served under the mantle of elders with more integrity and wisdom in their little finger than what you have demonstrated!

11. The Ngaitai Iwi Authority has failed in **basic procedural matters** of which is a huge **RED FLAG** for our Ngaitai whanau, hapu and iwi.
12. I do not support the Ngaitai Iwi Authority usurping the whanau, hapu and Iwi of Ngaitai. I further contend this leaves Ngaitai more vulnerable to the onslaught of foreign interests usurping the rights and obligations of the Torere residents and whanau, hapu and iwi of Ngaitai.
13. For all the years Mr Vercoe has been involved with the Regional Council, look at the state of our awa, forestry and beach reserve and the contents of the policies that work to our detriment for the benefit of economic moguls who have no intention of being honorable.
14. The NIA Claim Manager Lucy Steele is responsible for the installation of spy technology and other programs that have placed Ngaitai in serious danger for her personal gain. I am very concerned about the legalities of her decision making in regard to WAI78 and suspect this to be the underlying agenda for the removal of Claimants in such a manner. I have worked under her leadership and have first hand experience of the impact of the betrayals of her leadership. To my knowledge she has already given her allegiance to those who stand to personally gain who are not Ngaitai and indeed, above and beyond the interests of Ngaitai.
15. E te whanau, do not underestimate your voice. Rau rangatira ma, nga kaitiaki o te kainga hoki; - I will respect your decision. I will not however concede my voice to what I know to be nothing less than corporate control of our humble claim.
16. Information that I have presented to the NZ Police and other authorities in regards to current investigations I am currently engaged in. - including the Maori Land Court and as a respondent to the proposed changes to Te Ture Whenua Maori Maori Land Act 1993. I now elude you to the fact that Ngaitai have been deliberately positioned into being the escape goat for national shame which will go down in history as such. The naivety of the NIA Trustees to be guided by the current Chairperson and Claims Committee is known in the community as, 'useless c*%@t\$'!
17. I therefore hereby declare the knowledge of Graham Vercoe, now the governing registrar of Waiariki Maori Land Court and Tama Potaka of Ngaitai ki Umupuia have put Ngaitai whanau, hapu and Iwi in a position of a conflict of interest with Aotearoa, NZ and indeed, the world. I have seen first hand non Maori Land Court staff access behind the counter resources, door and computer codes. When I sought an explanation, no assurance was provided that the activity was legitimate.

18. In researching and doing what I can as Claimant for WAI78 in a manner that is consistent with Ngaitaitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Tuakanatanga, Arikitunga and Atuatanga because this is what our ancestors encourage me to do. In light of historical grievances for a historical claim, aligning with our ancestors is the appropriate position that I have placed WAI87 on my own on behalf of the Claimants. My cases stand independently of WA78 and I am not obligated to share information with anyone. When I do panui, I make it available for everyone, not just a select few.
19. There has been an obvious significant death toll in the whanau and rohe of Ngaitai. I currently do this mahi living in exile from Torere because of the intergenerational theft of Maori land that has occurred in my whanau. I feel it is imperative that I be up front about this situation and affirm others who recognise the signs and symptoms in their own lives. I have to stand up against my own immediate whanau who have participated in this intergenerational scheme and have no intention of backing down to them because this is a mission ordained from God not religion.
20. I stand before God, my whanau, hapu and iwi as being imperfectly perfect. I do not wish to cling to being a Claimant for WAI78 in order to win a personal battle based on grudges. WAI78 belongs to the whanau, hapu Iwi of Ngaitai; - I am merely a caretaker. I do not have personal grudges with any of the trustees of the NIA regardless of their opinions and intentions towards me. And I declare or register my conflicts of interest as they occur or at the first available opportunity. This document therefore is to ensure the safety of all our Ngaitai people and kaupapa, not just WAI78.
21. I am alive and flourishing beyond petty quarrels, outspoken like never before and true to my heart, mind and soul. To be popular was not the reason to determine me to become a Claimant. I can also live with the decision for the NIA Chairperson and Claims Manager to have them give each other enough rope to hang themselves.

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