WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2200

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Porirua ki Manawatū District Inquiry

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS (NO. 35) OF DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE C L FOX, PRESIDING OFFICER, SIR TAMATI REEDY (EMERITUS PROFESSOR) AND DR GRANT PHILLIPSON

Tēnā koutou katoa

Joint Research Proposal by the Unification Working Party

1. In our memorandum-directions of 26 September 2011 (Wai 2200, #2.5.33), we granted the leave sought by counsel for Te Hono to file a joint research proposal, prepared by the unification working party, on 14 October 2011. Leave was conditional on counsel for the claimants represented by Tumatanui confirming that this was their understanding of the working party's intentions. Counsel for the Tumatanui claimants were asked to confirm this point by 3 October 2011.

2. On 3 October 2011, counsel for the Tumatanui claimants filed a memorandum (Wai 2200, #3.1.277) advising the Tribunal that Tumatanui 'has been working towards the goal of unification. However, the working party has not yet been able to agree on unification.' Furthermore, counsel advised that the 'development of an agreed joint research proposal by 14 October 2011 is unlikely.'

3. In response, on 3 October 2011 counsel for Te Hono ki Raukawa asked the Tribunal to await the outcome of a further meeting of the Tumatanui and Te Hono unification working party, to be held on 4 October 2011 (Wai 2200, #3.1.278).

4. Leave is granted for the parties to report the outcome of the proposed 4 October meeting of the working party, in the hope that this meeting will resolve

the issue of whether or not the Tribunal is to expect a joint research proposal by 14 October (or some other date). Counsel for Tumatanui and Te Hono are directed to file a joint report on the outcome of this unification working party meeting by **5 pm** on **5 October 2011**.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 2200, the combined record of inquiry for the Porirua ki Manawatü District Inquiry.

DATED at Gisborne this 4th day of October 2011.

Deputy Chief Judge C L Fox
Presiding Officer
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