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To The Registrar
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Tena Koe
We the claimants, who are members of the pre 1840 Hapu, affiliated to the Ngati Maniapoto Confederacy, claim that the Crown or its agencies have systematically and comprehensively usurped our Tino Rangatiratanga, or absolute sovereignty over our natural, physical and spiritual resources.

Firstly, the resources referred to is the **TE AWAROA B4 SECTION 4B1 LAND BLOCK (105 acres) and all the resources on it, under it and over it,** which was expropriated by the Crown in 1955 in accordance with Section 34 of the Maori Purposes Act 1950 and Section 387 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953. We were not only dispossessed of our land and resources for forty-five years but have suffered the consequences of a compensation debt on resumption in December 1999.

And secondly, because of the Consolidation and Uneconomical Interest Acts, Ninety-five per-cent of the owners and their descendants were alienated from the **HAUTURU WAIPUNA C LAND BLOCK (1500 acres) and all the resources on it, under it and over it,** including their Burial Grounds, Waahi tapu, coastline and its resources.

The claimants being myself and others, who have had their Mana Whenua and all inherited rights either denied or extinguished by the Crown.

We claim that we have been and continue to be prejudicially affected by legislation that has been enacted, or in terms of policies or practices or actions or impositions or omissions by the Crown or its agents.

And we claim that these matters are contrary to the Treaty of Waitangi, Clauses 71 and 79 of the N.Z. Constitution Act 1852, and the Te Rohe Potae Compact, also known as the Aotea Agreement.

1. The relief we seek will be entered into at a later date with an amended Statement of Claim

2. We seek funding to do the research ourselves

3. We ask permission to amend, extend or add to this claim if necessary.

4. We wish the claim to be heard at Rakaumui Marae, Kawhia.

5. We ask that I and the Court appointed Trustees of Te Awaroa B4 sec 4B1 and the designated claimant group be the agents to represent these claims.

6. We ask that these two claims be heard together in negotiation with the Crown

7. And finally we request that this claim be registered and designated a WAI number.

Names	Signatures	Date
Panatana Ben Rangitaawa (see below)		18.08.02
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Mike Taitoko	M.T. Taitoko	17 July 2002.
Panatana Ben. Rangitaawa P.B.R		16-7-2002.
Merekoro Karena (see Rangitaawa)		16-7-2002.
Jacqui Amohanga		16-7-2002
L.N. Rangitaawa		28-7-2002
Tawaki Rangitaawa		30.07.02.
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