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To: The Registrar
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ATTENTION: Jacqueline Lethbridge.

1. I Chris Ngataierua of 64 Thatcher Street, Wanganui, Researcher, of Ngaati Kowhaikura.

2. For myself and for Ngaati Kowhaikura, to which I belong:

3. Claim we have been prejudicially affected by the policies, practices, actions and omissions of the Crown in the alienation of land in those parts of the Waimarino and Ruapehu blocks which comprised the *rohe* of Ngaati Kowhaikura-; particularly the awarding of land titles on Mt Ruapehu and the refusal of the Crown to grant rehearings despite petition from members of my *hapu-* and we claim that these matters are contrary to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

4 We seek the following relief: To be specified at a later date, once research has been completed, but likely to include the return of some portions of land and acknowledgment of our hapu rights in the abovementioned blocks, monetary compensation, and an apology for Crown actions.

5 I wish the Tribunal to, after consultation with myself or a representative group of Ngaati Kowhaikura, commission a researcher to report on the claim, and will forward a research proposal in due course.

6 I ask for permission to amend this claim if necessary.

7 The Tribunal is advised that our legal representative is : Mark McGhie; Ruapehu Law, Box 15, Ohakune.

8 I am of the opinion that those who should be notified of this claim are all the persons and organisations who currently are on the mailing list for WAI 903- the Whanganui enquiry.

9 I can be contacted at the following address: 64 Thatcher Street, Wanganui.

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