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2 Thomsons Ave
Otorohanga

Registrar
Waitangi Tribunal
P.O. Box 5022
WELLINGTON

19 December 2002

Dear Sir/Madam

I, Haretana Turner of 2 Thomsons Ave, Otorohanga, as a Maori, on behalf of my family and hapu Ngäti Taramatau, Ngäti Hikairo, Ngati Apakura, and other hapü of the Ngati Maniapoto confederation of tribes claim that the Crown has systematically usurped our Tino Rangatiratanga over our natural, physical, and spiritual resources guaranteed to us under Article Two of the Treaty of Waitangi.

We claim that the Crown's actions in particular under the Public Works Act 1908 and other acts caused the alienation of our ancestral lands, the destabilizing of our tikanga and our traditional way of life in the Kaipiha Block, and those and acts continue to influence adversely our way of life guaranteed under the Treaty..

If our claim is recognized we would appreciate:

1. the registration and allocation of a WAI number as soon as possible, with the claim to be known as the Kaipiha Block Claim.
2. permission to amend or extend this claim if necessary
3. a hearing at a date and venue to be confirmed at a later date
4. relief in the form of an apology, return of Crown Lands, and compensation

Yours faithfully, Turner

H. Turner