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WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING	the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
AND	a claim by George Searancke and others relating to land in the Ngati Ngawaero rohe

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF TRIBUNAL

The Registrar will please enter this matter on the Register of claims and give it the next available wai number. The Register should note that the claim was received on 23 August 1995.

The claim concerns Crown actions which are said to have required members of Ngati Ngawaero hapu to establish ownership of their ancestral land under Pakeha legislation, and the loss of land through survey liens.

The Tribunal notes that further research will need to be completed before the claim can proceed to a hearing. However, the Tribunal does not currently have funds to allocate to research this matter. The Registrar is directed to advise the claimant of the assistance that may be available from the Crown Forestry Rental Trust with regard to the preparation, presentation and negotiation of their claim.

It appears the claim, when ready for hearing, should be heard with other claims in the Waikato Rangahaua Whanui district.

In respect of legal assistance the Tribunal is unable to appoint counsel as requested to do so by the claimants. The claimants, however, are advised that they may apply to the Wellington District Legal Services Committee for the provision of legal aid for claims to the Waitangi Tribunal.

The claimants may amend the claim at a later stage if necessary.

A copy of this direction should be sent to the claimants and notification should go to:

Crown Law Office
Maori Land Information Office
Office of Treaty Settlements
Department of Survey and Land Information
Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Department of Conservation
Claimants/Counsel for:

Wai 50	Rangitoto Tuhua 55A Claim
Wai 51	Hauturu Block Claim
Wai 255	Ngati Mahana Claim

Wai 389 Te Rohe Potae Land & Resources Claim
Wai 399 Te Rongoroa A7 Block Claim
Wai 440 Tokanui Land Claim
Wai 443 Ngati Raukawa Claim
Wai 472 Waikowhitiwhiti Block Claim
Wai 483 Umukaimata-Waiaraia Block Claim
Wai 494 Ngati Kohiriki Lands Claim

Federation of Ngati Ngawaero Trust
Maniapoto Maori Trust Board
Ngati Raukawa Maori Trust Board
Tainui Maori Trust Board
Waipa District Council
Otorohanga District Council
South Waikato District Council
Waikato Regional Council

DATED at Wellington this 10th day of November 1995

Deputy Chief Judge N F Norman
Deputy Chairperson
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL