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**Wai 898, #2.1.24**
**Wai 556, # 2.1**

**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

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| **CONCERNING** | the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 |
| **AND** | a claim by Edwin Daniel Vaikai Ormsby relating to land and resources within the Ngati Rora rohe of Ngati Maniapoto |

## 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 11 October 1995.

The claimant alleges that, as a result of legislation and acts and policies of the Crown, the Ngati Rora hapu of Ngati Maniapoto has lost land and resources, including the Umukaimata Block. The claimant further alleges that the hapu has been prejudiced by recent legislation and Crown policies concerning surplus Crown land, resource management, forests and the conservation estate. Amongst the relief sought by the claimant is a stay of all sales of Crown surplus lands in the Ngati Rora rohe and compensation for various matters, including the loss of land and resources, the loss of an economic base and the hapu's loss of mana.

The Tribunal notes that further research will need to be completed before the claim can proceed to a hearing and it may need to be integrated with the other claims in the Waikato Rangahaua Whanui district. At this stage, it appears the claim should be grouped for inquiry with Wai 483, the Umukaimata-Waiaraia Block Claim.

The claimant has applied to the Tribunal for research funds. While the Tribunal does not currently have funds to allocate to research this specific claim, the Tribunal has commissioned some research under the Rangahaua Whanui project which may be of assistance to the claimant. The report for the King Country district will be sent to the claimant when it has been completed. 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.

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

To the extent, if at all, that the claimant is seeking the return of land which is private land (as defined by section 2 of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975), the Tribunal notes that, under section 6(4A) of the same Act, it is prevented from recommending the return to Maori ownership of any private land or the acquisition by the Crown of any private land.

A copy of this direction should be sent to the claimant 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 ✓
Claimants/Counsel for:
- Wai 48 Waimarino Block Claim ✓
- Wai 146 King Country Lands Claim ✓
- Wai 329 Rohe Potae Lands Claim ✓
- Wai 483 Umukaimata-Waiaraia Block Claim ✓

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 7th day of December 1995

Deputy Chief Judge N F Norman
Deputy Chairperson
**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

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