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WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING	the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
AND	a claim by Mark Koro Cribb and Larry Ngakoata Ponga concerning the Taumatamahoe Block

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 27 September 1995.

The claim concerns land adjacent the Whanganui River, particularly the Taumatamahoe Block, acquired by the Crown for farming and conservation purposes. The claimants seek the return of this land to the descendants of their ancestor Tamahaki.

However, to the extent, if at all, that the claimants are 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.

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 Whanganui Rangahaua Whanui district. At this stage, it appears the claim should be grouped for inquiry with Wai 167 Whanganui River Claim.

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

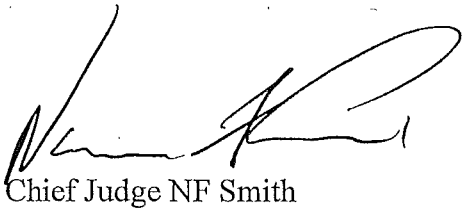
A copy of this direction should be sent to the claimants and notification should go to:

Crown Law Office
Maori Land Information Office
Office of Treaty Settlements
Department of Survey and Land Information
Department of Conservation
Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Claimants/Counsel for:
- Wai 167 Whanganui River Claim
- Wai 214 Parikino Block Claim
- Wai 221 Waimarino Claim
- Wai 265 Ngati Apa Lands Claim
- Wai 505 Waitotara Land Sale Claim

Maniapoto Maori Trust Board

Taranaki Maori Trust Board
Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board
Whanganui River Maori Trust Board
Ruapehu District Council
South Taranaki District Council
Stratford District Council
Whanganui District Council
Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council
Taranaki Regional Council

DATED at Wellington this 14 day of December 1995.



Deputy Chief Judge NF Smith
Deputy Chairperson
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