

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 965, #2.1

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act
1975

AND

a claim by Leonard Hiraka
Erickson relating to the
Taurewa No 1 block

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

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 15 November 2001.

The claim, submitted by Leonard Hiraka Erickson on behalf of himself and his hapu, Ngati Pouroto of Ngati Tuwharetoa, relates to the Taurewa No 1 block. Mr Erickson states that the block was taken by the Crown for forestry purposes without the consent of the rightful owners.

To the extent, if at all, that the claimant is seeking the return of land that 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. This restriction, however, is qualified by the resumption provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (see sections 8A to 8HJ of the Act).

Leave to amend or add to the claim is granted. In any event, an amended statement of claim that fully particularises the issues in the claim will need to be filed before the claim can proceed to hearing.

Although their precise boundaries have yet to be settled, it appears that the claim falls partly within the Whanganui and Taupo inquiry districts. The claimant is advised that the Tribunal is now actively preparing the Whanganui inquiry district for hearing and the next conference of all parties in that inquiry will be held in Wanganui on 12 April 2002. The conference will deal with research, boundary and representation issues.....

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to the claimant and to give notice of the claim to:

Crown Law Office
Office of Treaty Settlements
Maori Land Information Office
Land Information New Zealand
Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Claimants or their counsel:
Wai 37, Okahukura Block claim

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Wai 48, Whanganui ki Maniapoto claim
Wai 50, Rangitoto Tuhua 55A Block claim
Wai 146, King Country Lands claim
Wai 61, Kaimanawa to Rotoaira Lands claim
Wai 178, Lake Rotoaira claim
Wai 467, Tongariro National Park claim
Wai 575, Ngati Tuwharetoa Comprehensive claim
Wai 791, Volcanic Interior Plateau claim
Wai 841, Greater Taupo Region claim
Whanganui River Maori Trust Board
Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board
Ruapehu District Council
Waikato Regional Council
Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council

DATED at Wellington this *22nd* day of March 2002



Judge CM Wainwright
Presiding Officer

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