

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**CONCERNING**

the Treaty of Waitangi Act
1975

AND

a claim by Eddie Neha and
others relating to the
confiscation and alienation
of various land blocks in the
King Country

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 6 November 2001.

The claim is lodged by Eddie Neha and others on behalf of Ngati Maniapoto. The claim relates to the taking of the Orahiri, Otorohanga, Puketarata, Ouruwhero and Takotokoraha land blocks for the purposes of public works and other uses. The claimants allege that the Crown's disposal of these lands on the open market failed to take account of hapu and iwi interests in them.

The claimant is seeking a variety of relief including monetary compensation and the return of land. 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. This restriction, however, is qualified by the resumption provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (see sections 8A to 8HJ of the Act).

The claim will be heard with other claims with which it overlaps and should be consolidated with the King Country claims once a record of inquiry has been established for those claims. The issue of research will be addressed in the context of judicial conferences.

In respect of legal assistance, the claimant is advised that they may apply to the Legal Services Agency for the provision of legal aid for claims to the Waitangi Tribunal.

As the claim falls within the King Country Rangahaua Whanui district, the Registrar is asked to send to the claimant a copy of the report commissioned by the Tribunal on this district.

The claim will be require further particularisation at a later stage.

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

DUPLICATE

Crown Law Office
Office of Treaty Settlements
Maori Land Information Office
Land Information New Zealand
Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Claimant/counsel for:

- Wai 48 Whanganui Ki Maniapoto claim
- Wai 50 Rangitoto Tuhua 55A Block claim
- Wai 51 Hauturu East 1A Block claim
- Wai 85 Mangakino Lands and Waikato River claim
- Wai 146 King Country Lands claim
- Wai 329 Rohe Potae Lands claim
- Wai 389 Te Rohe Potae Land and Resources claim
- Wai 399 Te Rongoroa A7 claim
- Wai 443 Ngati Raukawa claim
- Wai 457 Hauturu East No 3B2 and 3A claim
- Wai 472 Waikowhitiwhiti Block (Otorohanga Town Hall) claim
- Wai 483 Umukaimata and Waiaraia Blocks claim
- Wai 535 Ngati Maniapoto Lands and Resources claim
- Wai 691 Pio Pio Stores Site claim
- Wai 729 Rangitoto Tuhua Rohe claim
- Wai 800 Ngati Maniapoto/Ngati Tama (Mokau) claim
- Wai 827 Oioroa Block, Aotea Heads (King Country) claim
- Wai 845 Ohura, Niho Niho, Tuhua and Otangiwai
- Wai 846 Kakepuku Mountain and Kakepuku Block claim
- Wai 847 Kopua 1 Block and Other Lands claim
- Wai 868 Awakino and Other Lands claim
- Wai 870 Marokopa Reserves claim
- Wai 928 Ngati Pahera and Ngati Rae Rae (Taumaranui) claim
- Wai 948 Tokanui and Otorohanga Land Confiscation claim
- Wai 986 Otorohanga Lands claim
- Wai 987 Rangitoto-Tuhua Land Block claim
- Wai 991 The Kinohaku West No.11 block claim

Taranaki Regional Council
Waikato District Council
Waikato Regional Council
Waipa District Council
Whanganui District Council

DATED at Wellington this 6th day of August 2002.


Chief Judge JV Williams
Acting Chairperson

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