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WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND a claim by Pumi Hone Nikora relating to Te Kuiti and adjacent lands

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

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 31 October 2002.

The claim, submitted by Pumi Hone Nikora on behalf of himself and his whanau, relates to ancestral land at and adjacent to Te Kuiti township. It is claimed that the Crown wrongly acquired the land and that that has prejudicially affected the whanau's rights to it and their tino rangatiratanga.

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).

At this stage, it appears that the claim will be heard with other claims with which it overlaps in the proposed King Country district inquiry. In due course, the Tribunal will convene conferences to deal with research planning and other preliminary matters in this district and the claimant will have the opportunity to attend and be involved in those conferences.

The claimant is advised that he may apply to the Legal Services Agency for legal aid.

The claimant may amend the claim at a later stage, if necessary, and will in due course be required to submit a fully particularised statement of claim.

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

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Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Claimant/counsel for:

- Wai 329 Rohe Potae Lands claim
- Wai 389 Te Rohe Potae Land & Resources claim
- Wai 484 Rangitoto Tuhua 64 0 2B claim
- Wai 535 Ngati Maniapoto Lands & Resources claim
- Wai 586 Ngati Te Puta Hapu claim
- Wai 587 Ngati Te Kanawa and Ngati Te Peehi claim
- Wai 616 Ngati Rora claim
- Wai 630 Ngati Rereahu Rohe claim
- Wai 729 Rangitoto Tuhua Rohe claim
- Wai 753 Ngati Kinohaku Lands, Forests & Fisheries claim
- Wai 987 Rangitoto Tuhua Land Block claim

Maniapoto Maori Trust Board
Waitomo District Council
Environment Waikato

DATED at Wellington this 24th day of January 2003

Chief Judge JV Williams
Acting Chairperson
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL