Wai 898

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Te Rohe Pōtae District Inquiry

DIRECTION COMMISSIONING RESEARCH

1. Pursuant to clause 5A of the second schedule of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, the Tribunal commissions Dr Andrew Francis, a member of the Tribunal's staff, to prepare an indexed document bank of housing source documents relating to the status of Māori communities and state housing assistance to Māori, c.1930-1980, in Te Rohe Pōtae inquiry district. This project is a result of the Tribunal's Chief Historian's rapid appraisal review of Te Rohe Pōtae research casebook and subsequent discussions with parties to the inquiry (Wai 898, #6.2.43 and #2.5.126).

2. The researcher will compile a document bank providing gap-filling evidence to supplement the partial research information and source documentation already available on the subject. The researcher should avoid duplicating content already on the Wai 898 record of inquiry or in the public domain. This commission does not extend to general aspects of housing policy unless specifically relevant to Crown policy and practice in Te Rohe Pōtae district. The researcher should address the following:

   a) Government policy specifically relevant to the housing status of communities and to state assistance to Māori in Te Rohe Pōtae inquiry district;

   b) Evidence of services available, expected levels of provision, and identified areas of success and difficulty in the provision of state housing assistance to Māori in Te Rohe Pōtae inquiry district;

   c) Statistical and other data identifying the utilisation of state housing assistance by Māori in the inquiry district;

   d) Any material available that provides a comparison between the housing status of Māori and non-Māori communities and their respective access to state housing assistance in the inquiry district; and

   e) A description of the methodology used to collect and organise the data.

3. The document bank should present a paginated set of imaged documents assembled in a logical and, where possible, chronological order under appropriate subject and archival category headings.

4. The commission ends on 8 March 2013, at which time one copy of the final document bank must be submitted for filing in hard copy and on disc. The document bank must be filed through the Registrar.

5. At the discretion of the Presiding Officer the commission may be extended if one or more of the following conditions apply:

a) The terms of the commission are changed so as to increase the scope of work;

b) More time is required for completing one or more project components owing to unforeseeable circumstances, such as illness or denial of access to primary sources; and

c) The Presiding Officer directs that the services of the commissionee be temporarily reassigned to a higher priority task for the inquiry.

6. The document bank may be received as evidence. The commissionee will not be subject to cross-examination on it.

7. The Registrar is to send copies of this direction to:

Dr Andrew Francis, Research Analyst/Inquiry Facilitator
Claimant counsel and unrepresented claimants in the Te Rohe Pōtae district inquiry
Director, Waitangi Tribunal
Chief Historian, Waitangi Tribunal
Manager – Research and Inquiry Facilitation, Waitangi Tribunal
Inquiry Supervisor, Waitangi Tribunal
Inquiry Facilitators, Waitangi Tribunal
Solicitor-General, Crown Law Office
Director, Office of Treaty Settlements
Chief Executive, Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Chief Executive, Te Puni Kōkiri

DATED at Whangarei this 29th day of November 2012.

Judge D J Ambler
Presiding Officer
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL