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 to the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, the Tribunal commissions Craig Innes, a member of the Tribunal's staff, to prepare an indexed document bank of copies of Crown purchase deed documents for all Crown purchases in Te Rohe Pōtae inquiry district. This project was recommended as high-priority gap-filling research by the Tribunal's Chief Historian as part of his rapid appraisal review of Te Rohe Pōtae research casebook (Wai 898, #6.2.43).

2. The researcher will compile a document bank comprising copies of Crown purchase deeds for all Crown purchases within Te Rohe Pōtae inquiry district for which documentation can be located. The researcher should identify where records are incomplete or missing and compile additional documents evidencing Crown purchase, especially where no purchase deed could be located.

3. The document bank should present a set of deed documents in PDF format, assembled in a set of folders, all named in a systematic manner. The document bank should include a spreadsheet index in MS Excel format of Crown purchase deeds containing block name, approximate area, date of purchase, Crown signatories, sellers, purchase price and type of document, and should also include a brief methodological introduction.

4. The commission ends on 29 March 2013, at which time one copy of the final document bank must be submitted for filing 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:

Craig Innes, 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