IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL
TE ROOPU WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

MIR/6202

IN THE MATTER OF the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF a claim by Benjamin Rameka Ngaia for and on behalf of the **Takamore Trustees**

Memorandum of Counsel
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Memorandum of Counsel

May it please the Tribunal:

1. This Claim is filed by Benjamin Rameka Ngaia in his capacity as Chairperson of the Takamore Trustees, for and on behalf of the Takamore Trustees and the descendants of those who lie in the Takamore waahi tapu area ("the claimants").

2. The initial claim was filed in 2008, and has been assigned a MIR number, awaiting further details from the claimants. Counsel has been engaged to assist the claimants, and an Amended Statement of Claim was filed with the Tribunal on 14 May 2013, which is currently being processed by Tribunal staff.

3. The claimants are supportive of the Tribunal's proposed "Nga Korero Tuku Iho" process, as outlined in the Memorandum-Directions dated 19 April 2013 (Wai 2200, #2.5.59).

4. The claimants will work constructively with other claimants, and kaumatua of Te Atiawa, as to how, when the time comes for Te Atiawa traditional evidence to be heard, the Nga Korero Tuku Iho process might be organised according to the kawa o Te Atiawa.

5. Counsel respectfully seeks leave to file this memorandum at 5pm, rather than midday today, due to a hearing commitment in the morning.

Dated this 20th day of May 2013

Leo H Watson
Counsel for Claimants