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**Wai 898, #3.3.440**

**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

**Wai 898, 1469, 457, 535**

**IN THE MATTER OF** The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** The Rohe Potae District Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM RE CROSS EXAMINATION HEARING WEEK 8**

**16TH OCTOBER 2013**

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**May it please the Tribunal**

- 1.1 On behalf of the above claimants and to assist on generic issues, I seek leave to cross examine H Bassett & R Kay The Impact of the Native Townships Acts in Te Rohe Potae (#A62). The areas I wish to cross examine on are:
- (a) Requirements of Native townships legislation and the extent of compulsion over owners' customary interests;
  - (b) Efforts by Maori owners to avoid the legislation, reasons for seeking to avoid it, expectations of development associated with the railway;
  - (c) Efforts by Maori owners to engage with the legislation, and the impacts of doing so.
  - (d) Economics of the legislation and returns for Maori;
  - (e) Crown purchasing of township lands and selling of reserves within the townships;
  - (f) Perpetual leasing in township lands;
- 1.2 I estimate 45 minutes will be required.
- 1.3 On behalf of the Tuhoro whanau I also seek leave to ask 15 minutes of questions about the Otorohanga Township.

**DATED at Wellington this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013**



**T H Bennion  
For Wai 1469, 457, 535**