"Appendix A"

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Wai 898, #O14(a)

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

I Parekaihina Tuhora do humbly Petition as follows:

1. That I am the principal owner of that portion of land known as Orahiri Y comprising thirty acres and situated near the township of Otorohanga.

2. It has recently come to my knowledge that the Otorohanga Town Board has taken an area of fourteen acres of this my Kainga for a Recreation Reserve by Proclamation issued on 16th June, 1923.

3. That no notices whatsoever were given to us of the said Board's intention to take this land such notice being required to be given as under Section 15 and 18 of "The Public Works Act, 1908".

4. That the land so taken has been the home of myself and my ancestors for centuries past where we have continuously cultivated our food crops. The area taken also comprises our Pleasure Grounds on the banks of the Waipa stream where we indulge in fishing , eeling and bathing.

5. That the land was the old home of our ancestors containing the Peach and Cherry groves planted by our fathers and the two famous Eel Pahs known to them as Te Mutu Mutu and Te Ararimu.

6. That the Otorohanga Town Board applied to the Native Land Court for assessment of Compensation for the area taken under Section 91 of ("The Public Works Act, 1908)".

7. That the Otorohanga Town Board neglected to notify us as required by the aforementioned Act of the hearing of the Case for Compensation.

8. That on the 22nd September, 1923, the Case was brought on for hearing before the Native Land Court sitting at Te Kuiti by the Solicitor representing the Otorohanga Town Board.

9. Your Petitioner was totally unaware of this hearing and was therefore unable to be present, - produce evidence, or even be represented by Council.

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10. The Case was heard and determined in our absence without any evidence whatsoever being called beyond the statement of the Solicitor appearing in support of the application whom we understand is a Member and Chairman of the Local Body taking our land and therefore an interested party.

11. That the Otorohanga Town Board has already a suitable Domain and Recreation Ground in a better position awaiting development with ample facilities for all present and future requirements for Town and District. For these and other reasons that the land has been taken in an irregular manner we respectfully urge that the proclamation be revoked and our land returned to us and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Ever Pray.

(Sgd.) Parekaihina Tuhoro His X Mark

Witness to signature.

Gabriel Elliott,
Agent,
Te Kuiti,
1/6/24.