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IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Te Rohe Pōtae District Inquiry (Wai 898)

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE D J AMBLER CONCERNING HEARING WEEK NINE 8 November 2013

Tēnā koutou,

1. Hearing week nine

1.1. At the eighth Te Rohe Pōtae hearing week, held from 3 to 8 November 2013 at Te Kotahitanga Marae in Ōtorohanga, I convened a Chambers Conference with claimant counsel, Crown counsel and representatives from the Hearing Organising Committee (HOC) to discuss inquiry matters. In particular, we discussed issues concerning hearing week nine which I detail below.

Host marae

1.2. In my previous directions I confirmed that hearing week nine would be held at Rawhitiroa marae in Owairaka from 9 to 13 December 2013, with Parawera marae in Kihikihi as the backup marae (#2.6.46). I indicated that Rawhitiroa marae meets most of the Tribunal's requirements for hosting a hearing week and has a slightly larger whare that can be used. Harold Maniapoto has, however, since requested that the lead marae revert back to Parawera marae. I confirmed at the Chambers Conference that hearing week nine will now be held at Parawera marae and the back-up marae will be Rawhitiroa marae.

1.3. Mr Maniapoto and Tribunal staff advised that Parawera marae has two small whare; one whare can host the Tribunal, Crown and claimant counsel, the witness(es) and kaumatua. The second whare and a marquee will be required to accommodate much of the public and claimant groups. Due to the limited space, only counsel and tangata whenua relevant to the session will be accommodated in the main whare.

Wayne Taitoko's 'A History of the Tokanui Blocks' report

1.4. Mr Jason Pou sought leave to file and present the report 'A History of the Tokanui Blocks' by Wayne Taitoko (Wai 440, #A1) in hearing week nine. This report has direct relevance to this inquiry and therefore I direct the Tribunal's Registrar to add this report to Wai 898, the combined record of inquiry for Te Rohe Pōtae district inquiry, as a matter of urgency.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 898, the combined record of inquiry for Te Rohe Pōtae District Inquiry.

DATED at Ōtorohanga on this 8th November 2013.

Judge D J Ambler
Presiding Officer
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL