Appendix 2: Questions of Clarification for Professor Belgrave regarding his report, "Te Rohe Pōtae Environmental and Wahi Tapu Report" (Wai 898, A76)

Te Maika

1. At para 274 of your report you refer to a visit to Te Maika by Edith Dockery and three researchers, and state:

> Edith explained the current situation at Te Maika. In terms of infrastructure there is no sewerage system, no power supply, no road access, no water supply and no rubbish disposal. She said that the people who were involved with Te Maika preferred it this way.

1.1 Who are the people involved with Te Maika that Ms Dockery was referring to? Are they the Māori land owners, the trustees of the Te Maika Trust, or other individuals?

Kawhia Harbour

2. At para 468 of your report you discuss a lake known as "Paretao" and state:

> At the beginning of the twentieth century, according to tradition, the lake was drained for health reasons and the community around it dispersed.

2.1 Are you able to be more precise as to when the lake is said to have been drained?

2.2 Apart from the traditional evidence you mention, have you found any other evidence for the existence and draining of this lake?

3. At para 468 you also state that many springs have dried up and others are under threat. Can you explain how they are claimed to be under threat?

Rangituatahi Urupa

4. At para 515 you include the following extract of a letter from the District Commissioner of Works, N.C. McLeod, to the resident engineer at Te Kuiti, T.P. Thompson, on 29 September 1964:

> ... a report hereon for the Minister's information, stating whether you know of an objection to the taking of land for the purposes mentioned, and particularly whether there are any buildings, yards, gardens, orchards, vineyards, ornamental parks, pleasure-grounds, or burial grounds proposed to be taken. [Original emphasis]

4.1 What are the "purposes mentioned" as stated in the letter?

4.2 What land does the letter relate to? Does the letter relate to Orahiri Y4 specifically, or to a range of land blocks generally?

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4.3 You state that the letter was sent from McLeod to Thompson. However, footnote 591 on page 208 records the letter as being from McLeod to Walsh. Can you clarify this?

5. At para 516 you state that Thompson replied on 5 November 1964 that the land had been inspected and that there were no objections or any such features on the land.

5.1 Is this response in respect of Orahiri Y4? If so, is it only in respect of Orahiri Y4, or does it relate to other land blocks as well?

5.2 You state that the response was sent by Thompson to McLeod. However, footnote 592 on page 208 records the letter as being from Walsh to McLeod. Can you clarify this?

6. At para 516 you state:

> This request was made for a number of different blocks which were to be affected by the scheme. The resident engineer, T.P. Thompson, replied in all instances that he had inspected the block and there were no objections to the taking nor features on those lands considered significant under the Public Works Act 1928.

6.1 Are you referring here to the specific request from McLeod on 29 September 1964, or do you mean a number of requests of a particular type?

6.2 If you are referring to McLeod's request, why was the response from Thompson to Parsons, as referenced in footnotes 593 and 594?

6.3 When you say "in all instances" are you referring to a number of different requests or do you mean a number of different blocks within the one request?

7. At para 516 you also include a "typical response" from Thompson:

7.1 Does that response relate to Orahiri Y4?

7.2 If not, have you found a response from Thompson in respect of Orahiri Y4?

8. Are all of the National Archives' documents referenced at pages 208-214 of your report included in your document bank? If so, are you able to provide references for each of those documents that indicates the specific page number within your document bank where they can be located?

9. Are you able to provide a more user-friendly index to your document bank that indicates the specific page in the document bank where referenced documents can be located?