

REPORT OF THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL  
ON A CLAIM RELATING TO  
MAORI REPRESENTATION ON THE  
AUCKLAND REGIONAL AUTHORITY

IN THE MATTER of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER of a claim by Auckland District Maori Council relating to representation on the Auckland Regional Authority

Minister of Maori Affairs  
Parliament Buildings  
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

1. By letter of 20 March 1986 the Auckland District Maori Council lodged 'a complaint against the Auckland Regional Authority' in these terms

'It is the view of this council that the ARA is in breach of Clause 2 of the Treaty of Waitangi on the grounds of

- (1) The ARA resolution in opposition to the establishment of two seats on the Authority for representatives of the Maori people
- (2) The rejection of the District Maori Council's nomination to fill a vacancy on the ARA to provide a bicultural input in a local body which has 29 Pakeha members in conformity with clause 1 concerning *kawanatanga* in the Treaty, but not one Maori in fulfillment of Clause 2'

2. The Council was advised that at that time the 'new' Tribunal had not been constituted, that there were a number of other claims and that it would be some time before this claim could be heard. In the meantime, the Council was asked to consider whether in terms of the Act a claim lies against a Local Authority. A copy of that advice and of the claim was sent to the Auckland Regional Authority.

3. On 21 November 1986 the Auckland District Maori Council wrote to the Waitangi Tribunal as follows

'In view of the creation of two seats to represent Maori interests on the Auckland Regional Authority and the growing list of cases before the Waitangi Tribunal, our Council resolved to withdraw its complaint against the ARA.'

4. Please be advised that the Tribunal is now treating this claim as withdrawn.

5. Copies of this report are being sent to the Auckland District Maori Council and the Auckland Regional Authority.

Dated at Wellington this eighth day of April 1987.

E T J Durie  
Chairman  
Waitangi Tribunal