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WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND A claim by Lady Latimer for the Tai Tokeau District Maori Council Relating to fisheries regulations

Minister of Maori Affairs
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WELLINGTON

Dear Minister

Several claims concerning fisheries matters have already been reported to you. This claim, received on 14 February 1984, was a further early expression of concern in this area.

Lady Latimer, on behalf of the Tai Tokerau District Maori Council, invited us to review the situation regarding fisheries regulations as they affected Maori people in the North.

The Council was concerned about conservation matters and also that restrictions on amateur and small-time commercial fishers, many of whom were Maori, might be contrary to the guarantees contained in the Treaty.

The Council were invited to file more particulars of their claim.

Before these were received however, the Tribunal sitting to hear the Muriwhenua Fishing Claim (Wai 22) began. The results of those hearings and the report to you on those matters is now well known.

No further correspondence or the requested particulars of the claim have been received from Lady Latimer or the Council. We assume that since the claim appears, at least in part, to refer to the introduction of fishing quotas and the phasing out of small-time commercial fishers, it has been substantially dealt with in the *Muriwhenua Fishing Report* to you.

For these reasons we will not be enquiring further into this matter.

This report does not prejudice the claimants' right to file a fresh claim in relation to the same subject matter if they wish.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of February 1990.

Deputy Chief Judge A McHugh
Deputy Chairperson
for the Waitangi Tribunal