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IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

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UNDER

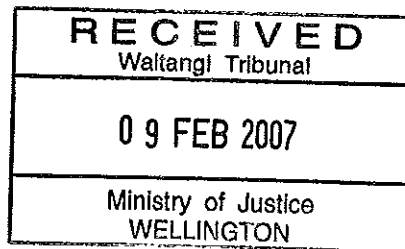
the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

IN THE MATTER OF

the King Country Inquiry

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL

Dated 09th day of February 2007



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MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL

1. This Memorandum is filed in response to the Memorandum-Directions of Judge Ambler dated 01 February 2007 (Doc 2.5.8) on behalf of:
 - 1.1 Ngati Mahanga me Nga Uri o Te Awataia (**Wai 1327**);
 - 1.2 Ngati Koata (Ki Whaingaroa), Ngati Kahu, Ngati Tahau, Ngati Te Kore, Ngati Pukoro, Ngati Te Ikaunahi, Ngati Tira, Ngati Heke, Ngati Rua Aruhe, Ngati Hounuku , Paetoka and Ngati Te Karu (**Wai 125**);
 - 1.3 Nga Hapu o Te Raki (**Wai 551, 948 & 846**); and
 - 1.4 Ngati Paretekawa (**Wai 440**).
("the claimants").

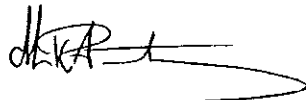
Postponement of Judicial Conference

2. The claimants have no objection to the postponement of the Judicial Conference and will abide the decision of the Tribunal.
3. Counsel are also instructed that there are further Pouakai rounds to follow. Therefore it would be prudent if Tribunal staff were able to obtain a copy of the Poukai timetable from Kingitanga representatives to ensure that future clashes do not occur.

Preliminary Research

4. The claimants support the commissioning of the preliminary research reports. Counsel agrees with the Tribunal in its memorandum of 21 December 2006 (Doc 2.5.7) that there is significant advantage in this research being undertaken as soon as possible.

Dated at Rotorua this 09th day of February 2007



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