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IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 898
Wai 762

UNDER	The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
And	
IN THE MATTER OF	The Rohe Pōtae Inquiry District
And	
IN THE MATTER OF	A Treaty claim by Evelyn Kereopa on behalf of Te Ihingarangi hapū and Ngati Maniapoto **(Wai 762)**

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL – DRAFT DEFORESTATION REPORT
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1. This memorandum of counsel is filed on behalf of Evelyn Kereopa and on behalf of Te Ihingarangi, a hapu of Ngati Maniapoto.

2. In the Memorandum of Counsel dated 14 March 2014,[1] we sought the Tribunal's leave to file a draft copy of the gap filling report concerning the Crown's prior knowledge of the environmental impacts of deforestation on a without prejudice basis.

3. By a direction of the Presiding Officer dated 19 March 2014,[2] leave was granted to file a draft copy of the report by 16 May 2014.

4. Please find **attached** the draft report entitled *"Crown Knowledge of the Impacts of Deforestation 1874-1990"* by Dr Garth Cant.

5. We expect to file the final report on 9 June 2014, as per the Presiding Officer's direction.[3]

DATED at Auckland this 16th day of May 2014

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[1] Wai 898, # 3.3.660
[2] Wai 898, # 2.6.59
[3] Ibid