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Wai 898, # F3

**PUBLIC WORKS ACT**

Ka mihi ki te tepu

Ko Oriwia Woolf ahau  
Ko Maniapoto te iwi  
Ko Ngati Waiora te hapu  
Ko Mokau Kohunui te marae

Public Works Act te kaupapa

Ka korero au, nga take e toru, e pa ana ki to matou whenua.

**TE KURA O PIOPIO**

**Tupuna:** Nui Ratimera

Ko Piopio, he ingoa papakainga na te whaea o Nui me tana aunty.

He whakamarama atu au te tikanga o tenei ingoa, a Piopio

Mo te mara kai ka whakato nga riwai.  
Ka tae te wa mo te hauhake  
Ka waiho nga riwai hohoro i te whenua  
Kare taupoketia nga rarau  
I te ata-po ka hukapapa  
Ka tae te wa ka haria ki te koropu

I te hotoke ka tikina mo te kai  
I reira ka kite ai ko piopio nga riwa  
Ara!! Kua paraiti nga riwai  
Koina te tikanga o tenei ingoa, a Piopio

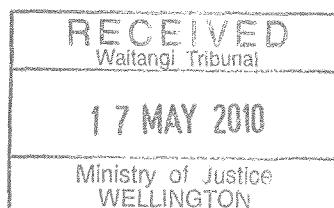
No naianei e karanga - he ingoa poraka  
He ingoa taone - he ingoa whanui

Ko te whenua kainga o Nui ma, timata i te Ana o Toretai, tika tonu atu ki te awa o Mokau. Haere whakarunga ma te awa, ka tae hawhe maero, he awaawa e taka ana ki roto i te awa o Mokau. Ko Piopio te ingoa o tera wai.

Me whai i tera wai, kia tae ki te rori matua. Whakawhiti te rori, whai tonu te awa, kia tae hoki ki te Ana o Toretai, ki te timatanga.

Ka noho tenei kohatu hei tohu mo nga nohoanga o nga hapu o te rohe nei

Ka murua te whenua nei mo te kura te take.



## **HE KORERO TUKU IHO**

Nui was from Ngaroto Lake area which belonged to the Ngati Apakura tribe on his fathers side – his mothers tribe was Ngati Waiora and Ngati Tauhunu in relation to this land.

The taking had an effect on Nui as all his fathers land had been taken, and this feeling stayed with him through to his adult life. When the taking of the Piopio land came into effect, he sat on the hill with his gun to protect it, and to frighten off any agent of the crown – he was hoping to halt the proceedings.

### **3. KARU O TE WHENUA B5 ( Now known as KARU O TE WHENUA B7)**

**Nga tupuna: Muiora Kahu Huatare**

The land was taken in 1913 for use as a quarry. No proper notification had been given to Maori owners although notification had been given to the leasees who were Europeans.

In 1963 when the land was no longer being used for a quarry, the family sought the return of the land. Between 1986 and 1988 the Council, under the District planning Act proposed the land be used as a rubbish dump.

The land is close to the Mokau River and is subject to frequent flooding which covers at least three quarters when in full flood. In July 1990, after strong objections from owners, local iwi, Waikato Catchment Board, the Council finally agreed not to proceed.

Kua rahi nga waahi kua riro i raro i te ture Public Works. He nui kua kore e whakamahia engari kua kore i whakahokia ki nga whanau no ratou aua whenua.

### **KAINGA-A-PIPI .**

**Tupuna Poutu Patupatu ma**

Tata ana tenei whenua ki te taone o Piopio, me te awa Mokau. Taken in 1913 the land was at first used as a store site, stock piling road metal. About 1930 a house was erected for a council employee and later a large workshop.

The Council was well aware that we were interested in obtaining the land back because in 1991 they contacted us giving notice of a proposed change of use of the land from a Council Depot to a Refuse Transfer Station.

We objected and our objection together with that of the Trustees of the adjacent Mokau Kohunui Marae and others, was upheld. We then advised the Council that if it no longer required the Depot, we would like it back, but the Council said they wished to retain the land in the meantime.

## **OTHER TAKINGS**

I have selected some takings to korero about that either I whakapapa to, or other people in our group whakapapa to.

### **POST OFFICE**

In 1913 a site for a Post Office was taken in Piopio. Having Post Offices on land leased from Maori was deemed to be less satisfactory than having Post Offices on Crown owned land, so, the Public Works Act was used to acquire the freehold title.

### **SCENERY PRESERVATION**

Taking of Maori owned land for scenery preservation and scenic purposes, were the largest number of takings for a particular central government purpose after takings for roads – 1906-1924.

In particular the MANGOIRA block on the North bank of the Mokau river. Crown reached an agreement with the European leasee of the block. There was no consultation with Maori owners about their complete loss of the block apart from a Notice of Intention to take the land.

### **NATURAL GAS PIPELINE**

The data base records two instances of a taking of the National Gas Corp Act 1967. The two takings were for a single site on the Mokau- Mohakatina Block alongside state highway 3 south of the Mohakatina Block.

### **ROADS**

Over the 20<sup>th</sup> century there were some additional roads created by takings under the Public Works Act . The most significant of these from the perspective of the number of acres taken were:

Paekaka road - Karu-o- te-whenua 2B2

Mokau Valley Road, Mangaawakino

Totoro Road, Mahoenui 2 section 8B2

### **COAL MINE – Tatu mine – Ohura**

Two education blocks taken at the end of Mangakara Road in Ohura

Education block taken for school in Oniao Road, Aria.