IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 100

IN THE MATTER OF The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Claims by HUHURERE TUKUKINO and OTHERS known as the HAURAKI CLAIMS

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF MAHINARANGI MAIKA ON BEHALF OF NGATI POROU KI HARATAUNGA, KI MATAROA

My name is Mahinarangi Maika. I am of Ngati Porou/Te Arawa descent. I have been honoured with a request from elders to make these opening submissions on behalf of Ngati Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora. I am the most recent graduate of our iwi, having graduated from Auckland University with an LLB B.A. in 1997.

Our Rangatira, Paki Harrison, has given an account of the tribal origins of Ngati Porou ki Harataunga ki Mataora in regard to our mana whenua, mana moana and mana tangata in the Hauraki rohe. He has confirmed, by way of whakapapa, the association Ngati Porou has with the Hauraki rohe from the beginning of genealogical time as remembered by our iwi and led by our illustrious ancestor, Paikea.

- 3. I will set out hereunder the framework and context of the Ngati Porou evidence relevant to Crown breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi as it applies to Ngati Porou.
- 4. This Statement of Evidence is merely provided to the Tribunal to appraise them of a number of issues which will be dealt with more fulsomely with Ngati Porou files written and handed up to form its full evidence.
- 5. On this basis we respectfully support the comprehensive and integrated Claim filed by Huhurere Tukukino and stand for and by our kinfolk of the Hauraki Whanui and the evidence that they will file.
- 6. There is no doubt that significant research has been conducted under the auspices of the Wai 100 Claim. As a consequence in the evidence we will hand up, the allegations we will make will be referred and supported by evidence to be filed under the comprehensive cover of Wai 100.

Loss of Land

- Forced land sales to Crown of Ngati Porou land in lieu of survey charges, in the identification of ownership of land blocks.
- Unconscionable acts done by Crown Agents, ie the Maori Trustee/Maori Land Court in respect of:

Timber leases Rangiriri (Island) Maori Trustee as Responsible Trustee for land sales

- Land loss through forced sale for accumulated rates arrears to the extent that it would appear on the record that these sales occurred by consent. We will lead evidence to show quite the contrary.
- Legislation that directly or indirectly gave effect to land loss suffered by Ngati Porou collectively and between individual whanau members, that is the Public Works Act, Maori Native Lands Act, purchase of uneconomic shares.
- Alienation of Maori lands from the Ngati Porou estate through government imposed purchase plans and encroachment on the Ngati Porou estate, particularly in terms of the Ngati Porou boundaries and the encroachment of the DOC Estate.
- Inequitable treatment of Maori loan holders by the Department of Maori Affairs and the Minister of Maori Affairs. The provision of loans by the Department of Maori Affairs with legal advice and farm consultancy advice which proved to be inadequate causing the loss of land.
- Loans entered into at the instigation of Department of Maori Affairs as a Crown Agent, leading to mortgage sales.

Loss of Economic Opportunity

- Cession of gold mining rights to the Crown
- Social and economic impoverishment
- Use of Ngati Porou land without compensation in terms of the provision of capital utilities, reading, water, electrical and telephone reticulation.

Fisheries

• Acknowledgement of and designation of Ngati Porou mana moana.

Conclusion

We look forward to filing our evidence in substantive form.