

If it may please the tribunal.

I, Andy Andrews and my tuahine Paretakangaro, come in support of the Ngaati Paoa claim - Wai 686, being Hauraki and East Wairoa.

I am a beneficiary living at Kaiaua. I am a Trustee to the Wharekawa Marae at Whakatiwai for Ngaati Paoa and Ngaati Whanaunga.

I am a Trustee to a whaanau land block at Kaiaua which is Wharekawa no. 9, known as Pingao Estate Trust. I have been involved with Ngaati Paoa matters on and off since the Waiheke Farm claim and that particular hearing which I will relate to some of the information at today's hearing.

I believe that Ngaati Paoa has been prejudicially affected by the crown due to the confiscation of land.

Prior to the 1840 signing of the Treaty of Waitangi one incident took place at Puke-kiwiriki now known as Red hill in Papakura.

A large taua had been seen coming through the manuka and a runner was dispatched to Whakatiwai to seek help. The Ngaati Paoa under Te Kupenga te Waero and Te Rauroha along with Ngakete assembled their forces and gathering others on the way they would have crossed over Kohukohu-nui, crossing over the Hunua and traversing the Wairoa river through to Ararimu and Paparimu eventually reaching Puke-kiwiriki. A large fortified Paa was built there. It consisted of a sheer cliff-face to the north and east and south with a steep climb from the west. It was said that a bloody battle took place with the loss of many lives. Ngaati Paoa were victorious in this particular incident.

The point I make of this koorero is that they had control of this area prior to the confiscation enactment, and, that some of those rangatira were to sign the Treaty document of which I wish to refer to.

In particular extracts from the Waiheke claim to the Tribunal hearing at Wharekawa marae or otherwise then known as Kaiaua marae.

Pages 7,8,9,19.

The visit by Marsden on the brig in 1814.

Page 19.

Refers to the waikato wars and the after-effects of the confiscation.

Pages 12-18. Signing
of the Treaty.

In finality, we thank the tribunal for the opportunity.

Teenaa Kooutou, teenaa kooutou, teenaa taatou katoa.