

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 HENRIETTA TE MOANANUI ON
BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANTS**

My name is Henrietta Te Moananui, people call me Aunty Nellie. I belong to Ngati Tamatera and Ngati Hako. I want to talk about the way we lived in my childhood.

I remember Ngahutoitoti in the old days in 1927. We lived close to the Ohinemuri River which offered us drinking water, water for washing and a whole variety of food. We may have had no money but we did have these things and huge gardens.

3. Everyone had a garden. I remember heaps of kumara, potatoes and pumpkins and lots of com which we fermented for longer storage.
4. So we kept things as long as possible and stored things and didn't waste anything. We got all our food from the land.
5. We had no machine diggers for the gardens, we used shovels. We sometimes had the use of horses which we shared among the whanau. When we gardened for others the wages would always be low. Everything was very cheap back then though.
6. I remember at school that if you talked Maori, you might be sent home for a week. School wasn't much for me anyway. For every day I was at school I stayed home a day to catch up on the chores of gardening and housework.
7. I can remember once, we had a big flood which swept everything away. I came down to the gardens and there were the pumpkins hanging on the fence and the kumara and potato were just sitting on the surface of the bare ground. We would collect them up and share around what we could and store what we could. We ate as much as we could as well. We never wanted waste. We also did a bit of bartering sometimes, we'd swap some vegetables for a leg of beef.
8. In the old days in the 1920's there was no doctor in Paeroa. You used to have to go to a doctor in Waihi by buggy from Thames. We could catch a stage coach to Thames for 2p.
9. I've got no complaints though, we may have had no money but we did have food. We just lived, but we lived together in the whanau and that was great. Today its so much harder to live in the whanau way, but our

people are still trying to protect our values just as we lived them in our time.

