

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTER OF The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The **NGATI TUMU TUMU CLAIM**

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The **MARUTUAHU CLAIMS**

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF
ROBERT TUTUKI TE WHARAU

NGA PUKE KI HAURAKI - KA TAREHUA

E MIHI ANA KI TE WHENUA E

TANGI ANA KI NGA TANGATA

1. My name is **ROBERT TUTUKI TE WHARAU**. I am the eldest born of Mokoia Tutuki Te Wharau and Mary Meremana. I have seven brothers and sisters.
2. My tuakana from Mokoia's first marriage has also given evidence today.
3. I am not an academic, historian nor researcher, so I intend to keep this brief and to keep to what I know - and what I have been told.
4. Through the history of the Native Land Courts, our father, our grandfathers and great grandfathers had to endure extreme hardships due to the Crown/Court processes of the day.
5. Not least the indignity of having to prove where we came from? Who we were? And what we protected? In other words, our tino rangatiratanga.
6. I am (through direct descent) the fourth generation who stands here today with the same story. The same anger and frustrations, and the same hopes and aspirations of resolve, but with one big difference, without the land.

7. The Land Court systems and their agents have proven to me how this happened in such a brief time (brief in terms of the history of our people).
8. Today, my intentions are not to play the blame game, by that, nothing is achieved. My intentions are to fix what is broken, to clean what is dirty, and to get rid of what I don't need in my house.
9. We all have a part to play, the Crown appears to be co-operating by apparently resourcing the Tribunal process and now it is up to us to do the same within the bounds of Hauraki.
10. My friends and family from near and afar have been an inspiration for me by revealing their inner-most thoughts and feelings towards this take. Kia ora. In keeping with my first intention to keep this brief, I will finish my presentation at this point.

Ko taku tupuna ko Tumu Tumuwhenua Ko
tenei te tangata Ko roto I te whenua

Waiata

E Hara i te mea
No naiane te aroha
No nga tupuna
Tuku iho tuku iho

He mea nui ra te aroha
Ki te ngakau o te hanga
I whakaaro rangatira
E tangi nei e mihi ana

Whakapono tumanako
Te aroha te aroha
No nga tupuna
Tuku iho tuku iho

Te whenua te whenua
Te oranga o te iwi e
No nga tupuna
Tuku iho tuku iho