

**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL
OF NEW ZEALAND**

IN THE MATTER

of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the claims by **HEPA TATERE, MANAHI
PAEWAI & LUI PAEWAI** for and on
behalf of **RANGITĀNE O TAMAKI NUI-A-
RUA, NGĀTI TE RANGIWHAKAEWA,
NGĀTI MUTUAHI AND VARIOUS
WHANAU OF TAMAKI NUI-A-RUA**

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

1. NGA KAITONO – THE CLAIMANTS

- 1.1 This Statement of Claim is filed by Hepa Taterere, Manahi Paewai and Lui Paewai for and on behalf of Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-a-Rua, Ngāti Te Rangiwhakaewa, Ngāti Mutuahi & various whanau of Tamaki nui-a-Rua

2. TE ROHE – THE AREA

- 2.1 The claimants claim interests in the Te Ahu a Turanga Block located west of the Ruahine & Tararua Ranges. This claim includes Parahaki Island.

3. CAUSES OF ACTIONS – TE TONO – THE CLAIM

- 3.1 The claimants raise the following general allegations in regards to the above lands, to be further particularised once a sufficient level of research has been completed:

- (a) The impact of the Native Land laws and Native Land Court process which lead to the fragmentation, partitioning and ultimate sale of many of their land interests;
- (b) The Crown's failure to protect the claimants' tino rangatiratanga over their taonga; due to loss of access to various areas on the block including Parahaki Island.
- (c) Failure of the Crown to protect their land base by acquiring land via direct purchase and by way of Public Works Act takings leaving the claimants virtually landless today.
- (d) The owners of Parahaki Island are unable to realise and/or recover lease money from grazing livestock on the Island.

4. PREJUDICE

- 4.1 The claimants say that as a result of the Crown's breach of the Treaty of Waitangi they have been prejudicially affected in the following ways:

- (a) Forever dispossessed of the land leaving the claimants with insufficient land and resources today;
- (b) Being left with fragmented and highly individualised land as a result of partitioning and the Europeanisation of Māori land insufficient for their present and future needs;
- (c) Having been faced with the ongoing costs of dealing with fragmented and individualised Māori land interest through the Māori Land Court process;
- (d) The loss of mana and rangitiratanga.

5. RELIEF

5.1 The claimants seek to achieve the removal of prejudice inflicted upon them and seek recommendations and findings as follows:

- (a) That the Crown breached principles of the Treaty of Waitangi as set out above;
- (b) That the Crown provide a full and comprehensive apology for the breaches of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
- (c) That the Crown provide full and comprehensive financial compensation;
- (d) That the Crown return all land owned by it within the claim area and any improvements thereon.
- (e) To be further particularised once a sufficient level of research has been completed.

5.2 The claimants reserve the right to amend this Statement of Claim.