CLAIMS IN HEARING

Chathams WAI 64

The Moriori inquiry was opened in the Chatham Islands 9–13 May, and continued the following week, 16–20 May, in Wellington.

The claim concerns the failure of the Crown to recognise and protect Moriori customary rights to land and fisheries on Chatham and outlying islands, following petitions and requests from Moriori leaders from the 1850s through to the 1880s. The claimants allege that these Treaty breaches occurred through the operations of the Maori Land Court and the Crown’s refusal to review those operations. The claim also alleges that the Crown failed to protect the Moriori people from oppression and destruction, and failed to recognise them as tangata whenua of the Chathams, with all the functions and privileges that such a status entails.

Te Runanga o Wharekauri Rekohu Inc attempted to stop the hearing through a High Court restraining order, claiming that the Waitangi Tribunal does not have the jurisdiction to inquire into the decisions of previous Courts. The High Court said the Runanga’s arguments were not valid, hence, the inquiry proceeded.
Whanganui River WAI 167

The tribunal has heard evidence from Whanganui iwi relating to its claim to the Awa o Whanganui at hearings at Putiki Marae in Whanganui from 14–18 March and 18–22 April 1994.

Evidence presented has focused upon traditional uses of the river, including fishing and transport, the tribe’s metaphysical relationship with the river, and the contemporary problems of pollution, headwater diversion and low water-levels.

Further iwi evidence as well as Crown and third party evidence is scheduled for hearings in June and July.

Turangi Lands WAI 84

At a hearing at Hirangi Marae in Turangi from 5–8 April 1994, Ngati Turangitukua claimants presented evidence concerning their grievances arising from the development of Turangi township from 1964.

The township was developed in connection with the Tongariro Hydro scheme. Lands for the township were acquired from the Ngati Turangitukua hapu under special legislation, the Turangi Township Act 1964, which granted the Crown extensive powers of compulsory acquisition.

The Crown will present its evidence to the tribunal in Turangi in August.

Ngai Tahu Ancillary Claims WAI 27

The report on the Ngai Tahu ancillary claims is currently in draft form. The tribunal hopes to finalise the report for release to the Minister of Maori Affairs by the end of the year.

Goodbye to Judge Ashley (Chick) McHugh

Judge McHugh has retired from his position of Deputy Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court, formally, although not actually, ending his role as a presiding officer for some of the tribunal inquiries. He is known for his tremendous effort in presiding over the Ngai Tahu claim, on which he is still working; the ancillary Ngai Tahu claims have yet to be reported to government and Judge McHugh has a temporary warrant to complete that matter.
Moana Murray, claims administrator (left) and
Licia Tuni, records clerk.

Moana Murray of Ngati Kahungunu and Tuhoe has joined the
team of claims administrators. Moana comes to the Waitangi
Tribunal after seven years in the Wellington District Court. She is
also studying for a BA in English and psychology at Victoria
University.

Licia Tuni, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, is a Fijian, born in Suva. Licia has
been studying at the Central Institute of Technology and is now
the tribunal's records clerk.

Dr Ian Shearer, project manager

Dr Ian Shearer, as the Tribunal's new project manager, is respon­
sible for the administration of staff research programmes. He
was formerly the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering
at the Auckland Institute of Technology.

Members and staff welcome Licia, Ian and Moana.

Hemi Pou, claims administrator

Hemi Pou of Nga Puhi, who has been a claims administrator
since March 1992, has left the tribunal. Hemi will be greatly
missed by both tribunal members and staff.

Tessa Castree, information manager

Note from the editor, Tessa Castree.

Tena koutou katoa
I am leaving my job as information manager to take up a posi­
tion working for the Legal Services Board. I have been with the
Tribunal since November 1988 and have produced Te Manu­
tukutuku since its inception in September 1989. I shall sincerely
miss the members, staff, claimants and public that I have met
during my time here.

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Secondary School Students' Essay Competition

To acknowledge the 1993 New Zealand Women's Suffrage centenary and International year for Indigenous peoples, the Waitangi Tribunal staff organised an essay competition for 5th, 6th and 7th form students.

The essay topic was:

1993 was the International Year of Indigenous Peoples and the New Zealand Suffrage Centenary. There are similarities between women's issues and Treaty of Waitangi issues. Both women and Maori lack equality of opportunity in our society.

Discuss this statement.

RESULTS:

5th Form Division
1st VERA SCURR, Columba College, Dunedin.
2nd JASON MANUMU'A, Onehunga High School, Auckland
3rd ABBEY HUTCHINS, Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch
Commended: TANIA CALLAGHAN, Gisborne Girls' High, Gisborne; ANNA MCKNIGHT, Gisborne Girls' High, Gisborne; KARYN ROGERS, Fraser High School, Hamilton; MELISSA CALLAGHAN, Fraser High School, Hamilton; ANDREW BRYENTON, Edgewater College, Pakuranga.

6th Form Division
1st JARROD MURPHY, St Kentigern College, Pakuranga
2nd ANNA KIRK, Sacred Heart Girls' College, Hamilton
Commended: AIDAN SHATTOCK, Forest View High School, Tokoroa; JOSH JUDKINS, Forest View High School, Tokoroa; MICHELLE INMAN, Forest View High School, Tokoroa; OLIVIA FRASER, Hamilton Girls' High, Hamilton; JEREMY SPEENCE, Amuri Area School, Culverden, North Canterbury

7th Form Division
1st KIRI NORONHA, Queens High School, Dunedin
2nd STEPHEN WALDERGRAVE, Hutt Valley High School, Lower Hutt
3rd equal TONI LLOYD, Lytton High School, Gisborne and ROWAN WALLACE, Hamilton Boys' High, Hamilton
Commended: JAMIE ALLAN, Lytton High School, Gisborne; TINEKE BROWN, Lytton High School, Gisborne; ANAMARIE EMMERSON, Lytton High School, Gisborne; LAWRENCE TANGAERE, Lytton High School, Gisborne; KATERINA ELERS, Lytton High School, Gisborne; GENA TUFFERY, Waitara High School, Waitara; MICHELLE GERWITZ, Baradene College, Auckland; DAFYDD MALCOLM, Rotorua Boys' High School, Rotorua

The three winners have been notified of the results and will be flown to Wellington on 16 June 1994 to receive their prize money at a lunch reception.

Second and third places have been awarded where the seven judges were divided in their opinions of which essay was the best. The final vote was extremely close.

NEW CLAIMS REGISTERED

WAI 424
Claimants: Titoko Hohepa and Dean Haupapa on behalf of Tarata Trust, Ngati Te Ihingarangi and Ngati Rereahu
Concerning: Kokomiko and Tarata lands
Region: Taumarunui
Received: 27 January 1994

WAI 425 (This number reserved)

WAI 426
Claimants: Rangiwhaia Osborne on behalf of Nga Toko Toru
Concerning: Te Uku Landing Reserve
Region: Whangaaroa
Received: 17 December 1993

WAI 427
Claimants: Horopapera Tamaku Whanga for Whanga whanau
Concerning: Waikokopu Lands
Region: Manawatu
Received: 26 January 1994

WAI 428
Claimants: P R Lendrum on behalf of Whare Runanga Trust for the proprietors of Pipiriki Township no.1 and other blocks
Concerning: Section 24 Block 1 - Pipiriki Township sections 1, 2, 3, Block IX - Pipiriki Township
Region: Waikato
Received: 20 April 1994

WAI 430 (This number reserved)

WAI 431
Claimants: W M Kaa and P Adds for Victoria University branch of Te Matawa Whanui and on behalf of Ngai Tauira
Concerning: The Ministerial Consultative Group on the Funding of Growth in Tertiary Education (universities and whare wakanga)
Region: Aotearoa
Received: 6 May 1994

No third placing was awarded in the 6th Form division because only Jarrod Murphy's and Anna Kirk's essays were singled out as winners by the judges.

The judges, (6 members of staff who organised the competition), thank all participants for their essays, and their teachers, for encouraging the students to enter. We thoroughly enjoyed reading the essays, but found the judging extremely difficult.

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