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FOREWORD

The research report that follows is one of a series of historical surveys commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal as part of its Rangahaua Whanui programme. In its present form, it has the status of a working paper: first release. It is published now so that claimants and other interested parties can be aware of its contents and, should they so wish, comment on them and add further information and insights. The publication of the report is also an invitation to claimants and historians to enter into dialogue with the author. The Tribunal knows from experience that such a dialogue will enhance the value of the report when it is published in its final form. The views contained in the report are those of the author and are not those of the Waitangi Tribunal, which will receive the final version as evidence in its hearings of claims.

Other district reports have been, or will be, published in this series, which, when complete, will provide a national theme of loss of land and other resources by Maori since 1840. Each survey has been written in the light of the objectives of the Rangahaua Whanui project, as set out in a practice note by Chief Judge E T J Durie in September 1993 (see pt i, app i).

I must emphasise that Rangahaua Whanui district surveys are intended to be one contribution only to the local and national issues, which are invariably complex and capable of being interpreted from more than one point of view. They have been written largely from published and printed sources and from archival materials, which were predominantly written in English by Pakeha. They make no claim to reflect Maori interpretations: that is the prerogative of kaumatua and claimant historians. This survey is to be seen as a first attempt to provide a context within which particular claims may be located and developed.

The Tribunal would welcome responses to this report, and comments should be addressed to:

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AJHR	<i>Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives</i>
AJLC	<i>Appendices to the Journals of the Legislative Council</i>
app	appendix
ATL	Alexander Turnbull Library
ch	chapter
<i>Compendium</i>	A Mackay, <i>A Compendium of Official Documents Relative to Native Affairs in the South Island</i> (2 vols, Wellington, 1873)
doc	document
fn	footnote
fol	folio
MA	Maori Affairs
NA	National Archives
NZPD	<i>New Zealand Parliamentary Debates</i>
p, pp	page, pages
pt	part
ROD	record of documents
ROP	record of proceedings
s	section (of an Act)
sec	section (of this report, or of an article, book, etc)
sess	session
vol	volume
Wai	Waitangi Tribunal claim

PREFACE

Part i of the *Northern South Island* district report was distributed as a working paper (first release) in July 1995. Since that time, I have assumed the position of acting research manager at the Waitangi Tribunal, and have joined the Rangahaua Whanui Advisory Group. As a result, I have had very little time to work on the completion of this report, and have scaled down my original proposal from four further chapters to two and have written a conclusion to the whole report. Part ii will need to be read in conjunction with the more substantial part i, and I have not repeated the introductory information or the bibliography, which can be found in part i.

Part ii contains a chapter assessing the social and economic impact of land alienation in the nineteenth century (ch 1), a chapter on the grievance that most commonly formed the subject of petitions to Parliament (the Wakapuaka block) (ch 2), and the general conclusion to the report (ch 3). I have also highlighted the areas in need of further research by Crown and claimant historians.

Parts i and ii will be published as a whole later in the year, after I have revised the text in light of further research, rethinking, and the comments offered by claimants.

I feel that this overview report offers some substantial historical interpretations and conclusions, which I hope will assist claimants and the Crown in their further research. No doubt my conclusions will be modified by their more in-depth research into sources which I was unable to consult, or was able to consult only lightly, such as the Maori Affairs (MA) series at National Archives.

