

APPENDIX III. DIRECTION COMMISSIONING RESEARCH

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND CONCERNING the Indigenous Flora And Fauna claim

DIRECTION COMMISSIONING RESEARCH

1. Pursuant to clause 5A(1) of the second schedule of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, the Tribunal commissions James Feldman to complete on behalf of the claimants a research report for this claim covering the following matters:

- (a) a case study of the kereru, focussing on the post-1840 impact on this species of settlement of New Zealand, environmental conditions, deforestation and predation.
- (b) identify Crown and Government policy which has impacted on this native bird, and outline what those impacts were.
- (c) commentary on Maori use of the kereru and its significance to them, including comment on any recorded efforts of the government to restrict or prevent this, either directly or indirectly.

2. This commission will commence on 8 September 1997.

3. The commission ends on 16 January 1998 at which time one copy of the report will be filed in unbound form together with an indexed document bank and a copy of the report on disk.

4. The report may be received as evidence and the author may be cross examined on it.

5. The Registrar is to send copies of this direction to:

James Feldman

Claimants

Counsel for Claimants

Solicitor General, Crown Law Office
Director, Office of Treaty Settlements
Secretary, Crown Forestry Rental Trust
Director, Te Puni Kokiri
New Zealand United States Educational Foundation

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of August 1997.

Chief Judge ETJ Durie
Chairperson
Waitangi Tribunal