

Ngai Tahu Land Report

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And so a little over four years after the presentation of this claim to the tribunal we have completed our examination of the major land grievances of Ngai Tahu and their loss of mahinga kai.

It has been quite an experience and for all those who took part there will be unforgettable moments; some awesome, such as the sudden rush of wind at the church service at Kaiapoi pa; some poignant, such as the lament of Hana Morgan at Te Aroha marae; some heart-warming, such as the planting of three trees by the Crown, the claimants and the tribunal at Tuahiwi and the subsequent presentation and hoisting of the Red Ensign with Tuahiwi emblazoned across it. Perhaps most memorable of all, the poroporoaki and the satisfaction and relief of Ngai Tahu at the knowledge they had completed the trust reposed in them.

We have already paid tribute to the people of Ngai Tahu for their graciousness and hospitality. We have also commended counsel and the researchers for their diligence and fairness. This tribunal must place on record however its recognition of the outstanding research, administrative and organisational support given to this tribunal by Dr Michael Belgrave, research manager, and his small team of tribunal staff. Dr Belgrave's contribution and the assistance he has so willingly given to the claimants, the Crown and all those people who have wished to place their views before this tribunal are well known to those persons and deeply appreciated by them.

In accordance with section 6(5) of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, the registrar is directed to serve a sealed copy of this report on:

(a) The claimants, Henare Rakiihia Tau and the Ngai Tahu Maori Trust Board

(b) Minister of Maori Affairs
Minister of Justice
Minister of Conservation
Minister of Mining
Minister for the Environment
Minister of Fisheries
Minister of Lands
Minister of State-Owned Enterprises
Solicitor General

(c) J L Marshall for New Zealand Fishing Industry Board
T J Castle for New Zealand Industry Association

(d) Federated Farmers of New Zealand

DATED at Wellington this 1st day of February 1991.

A G McHugh, presiding officer

M T A Bennett, member

M E Delamere, member

G M Te Heuheu

I H Kawharu, member

G S Orr, member

D J Sullivan, member

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