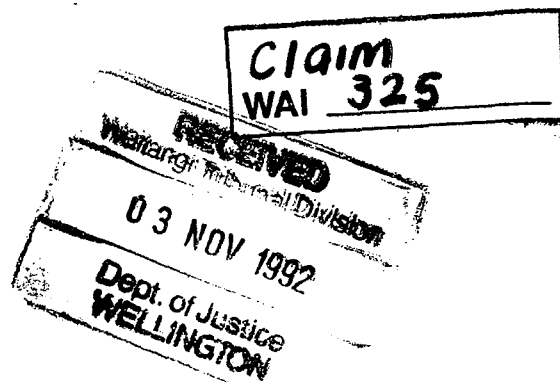


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E nga rangatira o Te Roopu Whakamana i te Tiriti o Waitangi, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

This claim is lodged by me Clem Wynyard TAPSELL on behalf of the whanau of Winiata Rewi TAPSELL oldest son of Rewi TAPSELL

WE CLAIM THAT:

We the descendants of Rewi Tapsell have been prejudicially affected by the actions of the Crown in granting Waihi No. 6 Block now known as Maketu A Sec. 127 (Bledisloe Park) originally owned by Rewi Tapsell, to the Arawa District Trust Board for an estate of freehold in fee - simple.

In particular we say as follows:

1. The Crown ought to have made a thorough investigation of the above mentioned land and its original owner and the interest of that owner before passing Sect.8 (1) of the Native Purposes Act 1934.
2. The attached letter gives a brief history of this land and its original owners.
3. By not carrying out a proper investigation, the Crown has breached Article 2 of the Treaty Of Waitangi

WE REQUEST:

That the WAITANGI TRIBUNAL investigate this claim and we seek leave to amend this claim as further information becomes available

WE BELIEVE the following should be notified of this claim:

Te Arawa Trust Board
Tauranga Regional Council
The Crown Law Office
The Treaty Of Waitangi Policy Unit

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Dear Sir,

re: BLEDISLOE PARK - WAIHI BEACH MAKETU

With reference to your instructions herein we beg to report as follows:-

1. The Native Land Court records show that Bledisloe Park was formerly the block of land called or known as Waihi No.6 containing 14 acres 3 roods 00 perches (less 3a.1r.19p caused through encroachment of the sea) and owned by Nira Ngatai and Rewi Teremuku in equal shares.
2. By a Succession Order of the Court dated 3.5.78 the interest of Rewi Teremuku (deceased) became vested in Ngatai Tohi te Ururangi who is shown in the records as one and the same person as Nira Ngatai.
3. By a further Succession Order of the Court dated 25.10.29 the interest of Ngatai Tohi te Ururangi (deceased) became vested in Rewi Tapsell, father of Winiata Tapsell.
4. On consolidation of the interests of owners of Native land in the Maketu district, the Court by Order dated 18.2.33 vested the abovementioned Waihi No. 6 Block in the Arawa District Trust Board for an estate of freehold in fee-simple and gave the block a new name - Maketu A Sec. 127.
5. As a Mark of appreciation for the public service of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Bledisloe and in recognition of the interest taken by them in matters affecting the Maori people of the Dominion the Trust Board on behalf of the Arawa Tribe donated the said Maketu A Sec. 127 block for a Memorial Park.
6. By Section 8 (1) of the Native Purposes Act 1934 the said block was vested in the Bledisloe Park Board for an estate in fee-simple as and for a park or pleasure ground.

There is nothing in the Court records to show what land or interest in land Rewi Tapsell received from the Trust Board in exchange for his Waihi No. 6 Block; but on enquiries made at the Board we were informed that Rewi Tapsell was indebted to the Board to the extent of £77. 9. 7. for payments made to him or on his behalf between the years 1928 and 1932 and that the Waihi No. 6 block which was valued at £75. 0. 0. was in effect purchased by the Board from Rewi Tapsell for the sum of £77.9.7.

This has been a difficult matter to search and has taken a great deal of investigation and time.

The Cost of the investigation amounts to £2. 2. 0.

All correspondence concerning this claim to be directed to
Clem Tapsell, Maketu Fisheries, c/- General Store, Maketu
Bay of Plenty. Telephone 07-5332327.

Dated this *2nd* day of *November* 1992

Petera Tapsell

for

Clem Tapsell