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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND
CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1921-22.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 151/1921, RELATIVE TO INCLUSION OF
CERTAIN PERSONS IN TITLE TO MANGATU No. 1 AND OTHER BLOCKS.

*Presented to Parliament in pursuance of Section 35 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land
Claims Adjustment Act, 1921-22.*

Native Department, Wellington 20th July, 1922.

Mangatu No. 1.—Petition No. 151 of 1921.

PURSUANT to section 35 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921-22, I forward report of Native Land Court.

I recommend legislation to be passed empowering the Native Land Court to include in any order made by it under section 6 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1917, or, if necessary, to amend such order as to include the names of Maraea Kiwi Omana and Rina te Wai, or the successors of any such as may be dead, under their Ngaariki right to share together with Hirini Kereru (*alias* Hirini Wharekete), Neri Wharekete, and Epeniha (*alias* Hape) Wharekete, or their representatives, such relative interests as may be awarded to that section through the right of their common ancestor.

Hon. the Native Minister.

R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

Native Land Court and Tairāwhiti District Maori Land Board Office,
Gisborne, 26th May, 1922.

Memorandum for the Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

I HAVE the honour to report that, in accordance with your reference on Native Department 1921/550 herewith, I held the inquiry authorized by section 35 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1921, into petition No. 151 of 1921, of Maraea Kiwi Omana—"praying for legislation in relation to the title to Mangatu No. 1 and other blocks"—and beg to report as follows:—

1. That the petition affects the Mangatu No. 1 Block only.
2. That the petitioners' three brothers—viz., (1) Hirini Kereru (*alias* Hirini Wharekete), (2) Neri Wharekete, (3) Epeniha (*alias* Hape) Wharekete—have been included amongst the Ngaariki section of the owners of the said Mangatu No. 1 Block, through their descent from the ancestor Taia and permanent occupation.
3. That it was admitted in Court on the inquiry that the three brothers were entitled to be included as owners of the said land through ancestry and occupation, and that the petitioners Maraea Kiwi Omana and Rina te Wai had exactly the same rights, and should also be included as owners of the said land.
- (4.) That there was no opposition on the part of the Ngaariki section to the inclusion of the names of the petitioners in the title, but, on the other hand, it was stated that in justice the names should be included.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Judge.

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