



Department of Lands & Survey

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: 'LANDS'

TELEPHONE No. 85122

OUR REFERENCE: 13/45.

YOUR REFERENCE:



DISTRICT OFFICE,
P.O. BOX 589,

GISBORNE.

19 November, 1968.

MLC - 0649-24
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The Registrar,
Waiariki District Maori Land Court,
Private Bag,
ROTORUA.

ALLOTMENTS 134 AND 336 NO. 1 WAIOTAHU PARISH,
BLOCK VII, WHAKATANE SURVEY DISTRICT.

This department is investigating the possibility of acquiring the above land for scenic purposes, this being Hokianga Island and the land adjoining Ruatuna Road on the Ohiwa Harbour.

I should now be pleased if your department could supply me with the up-to-date list and addresses of the Maori Owners of the above two areas of land.

Please find enclosed the ~~two~~ plans covering the above Allotments.

C.L. Costello.
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Per: *[Signature]*

Encl:

Waiotahu come to me, please [Signature]

336 NO 1

<i>Henemarama Jematekapa</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Jubaka</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Jutarangianini</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Whakaramu</i>	<i>7</i>

HPM:KJR

29 November 1968

Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Department of Lands & Survey,
P.O. Box 589,
GISBORNE.

ALLOTMENTS 134 & 336 NO.1 WAIOTAHİ PARISH : YOUR REF.13/45

1. Allotment 336 No.1 Parish of Waiotahi is owned by the following persons:

Hinemarama Tamatekapua	f.	2 shares	Koutu, Rotorua
Tuhaka Tamatekapua	m.	2 shares	Whittaker Road, Rotorua
Tuterangi Anina Hall		1 share	
Whakarewa Tamatekapua		2 shares	

I do not know the addresses of the last two but Mr Tuhaka Tamatekapua will be able to supply you with any further information which you might require. I suggest that you discuss your proposals with him in the first instance.

2. There is no point in supplying a list of the owners of Allotment 134. There are 75 owners and it appears that at least 75% of these are deceased and not succeeded to. There is therefore no prospect of getting a meeting of owners until the ownership is brought up to date by the making of succession orders.

3. I will endeavour to obtain the necessary information about the person entitled to succeed with the object of lodging and prosecuting Registrar's applications for succession.

H
(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

Mr Sumner

*Re successions - suggest you
send a list to welfare officer atakeke
& ask him to show it to Mr W Nikora &
others & seek information as to prospective
successors to be contacted*

blw
29/11

Done
4/11/68

Registrar
ROTORUA

Mr J. Te Maipi
Welfare Officer,
OPOTIKI.

Waiotahi Court Corr


LOT 134 PARISH OF WAIOTAHU

4.12.68

1. We are endeavouring to obtain the necessary information about the persons entitled to succeed, with the object of lodging and prosecuting Registrars Applications for Succession.

... 2. Perhaps you could show the enclosed list to Mr W. Nikora and others. All the names marked with an X have already had applications lodged for them.

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

(R. J. Emmanuel)
for Registrar

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Dept. of Maori Affairs RECORDED To ROTORUA 23 DEC 1968 From OPOTIKI

M.A. 

Our file: 0 17	Your file: Waiotahi Court Correspondence	Enclosures checked
Date: 19.12.68	Previous ref.: Ours Yours	
Subject: LOT 134 PARISH OF WAIOTAHU		

1. I have seen some of the owners and from them I gather that a lot of the beneficiaries are not known.

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2. However, I have asked Mr Nikora for his assistance in the matter, but so far have not been able to do very much in locating some of the owners.

*Waiotahi conts to me,
please OK.*


(T. Te Maipi)
Welfare Officer

HPM: KEW
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Welfare Officer,
OPOTIKI


ROTORUA


Waiotahi Court
Corresp.

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LOT 134 PARISH OF WAIOTAHU

7.1.69

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 17.12.68. 
2. Please continue with your efforts to locate prospect^{ive} successors to the deceased owners in this land, and encourage them to lodge applications for successions.
3. As I told you in my memo. of 4.12.68 we have already lodged applications in respect of those owners who have been marked with a cross on the list which I sent you.


(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

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HOKIANGA ISLAND - OHIWA HARBOUR

UNOCCUPIED MAORI LAND

Copy of information prepared by C.C. copies of which shall be sent to Mr. Biddle of the Whakatohea Executive Committee and District Office Dunedin.
Member of the Executive Committee 6 Oct 1971

1. LEGAL DESCRIPTION:-

Allotment 134, Waiotahi Parish Blk. VII Whakatane Survey District.
 Area 13 acres 2 roods 12 perches.
 Valuation Roll No. 750/54.

2. GOVERNMENT VALUATION:- (1/11/68)

Value of Improvements	\$100
Unimproved Value	\$800
Capital Value	\$900

3. RATING POSITION:-

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1964/5	£ 5-6-8	10-8	£ 5-17-4
1965/6	£ 5-6-8	10-8	£ 5-17-4
1966/7	£ 5-6-8	10-8	£ 5-17-4
	<u>(£16-0-0)</u>	<u>(£1-12-0)</u>	<u>(£17-12-0)</u>
	\$32-00	\$3-20	\$35-20
1967/8	\$10-67	\$1-07	\$11-74
1968/9	\$10-67	\$1-07	\$11-74
1969/70	\$24-00	\$2-40	\$26-40
1970/1	\$30-00	-	\$30-00
		As at 18th January 1971	<u>\$115-08</u>

Rates struck prior to 1964/5 have been written off.

4. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING; OPOIKI COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDED DRAFT DISTRICT SCHEME:-

Hokianga Island has been designated as a proposed reserve on the Opoiki County Council Draft District Scheme.

5. OWNERS/OCCUPIERS

It is understood, following discussions with Mr. Biddle of the Whakatohea Executive Committee, that the property although unoccupied is of vital concern to the Committee.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:-

(1) As this island is situated in such a position as to warrant any action to safeguard it as a reserve in the interests of the Whakatohea people and the public generally, it is suggested that the Board of Maori Affairs acquire the property for the Crown pursuant to the provisions of Part XXI of the Maori Affairs Act 1953.

AND/OR

(2) The island is of insufficient area, 13 acres 2 roods 12 perches, to be economically occupied for any purpose consistent with its proposed designation as a reserve, consequently the Maori Land Court be requested to recommend pursuant to Section 149 of the Rating Act 1967 that the property be exempted from Rates by Order in Council.

AND/OR

- (3) Pursuant to Section 439 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 the Court may recommend to the Secretary of the Department of Maori and Island Affairs that the island be declared a Maori Reservation and the Court may vest the reservation in the Whakatohea Trust Board for the common use or benefit of the public generally.

Opotiki 18th January 1971.

W.D. Watkins,
COUNTY CLERK.

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HPM:ZA

OPOTIKI

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Waiotahi C.C.

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HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134 WAIOTAHU PARISH

Please refer to my memoranda of 12 February and 3 February 1971 and advise whether there has been any progress with the application under section 439. Have you discussed it with Mr Biddle.

H
(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

The W. Governor

If you have the time to do so in the next 12 days or so would you please have a look at folio 500 and see if you can come up with some answers.

*Research done on lines suggested by Judge (Para 3 folio 500) finalized with MR PATRICK
see Waiotahi closed file 955 dated 19/11/1931 & 22/1/1931*

HPM:ET

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ROTORUA

Waiotahi C.C.

29.1.71

HOKIHANGA ISLAND
LOT 134 PARISH OF WAIOTAHAI

We have had numerous requests about the ownership of this land. I am therefore enclosing a copy of the list which should be retained in your office and made available there for perusal by the general public.


(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

HPM:MAF

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OPOTIKI

ROTORUA

Waiotahi C.C.

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HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134 WAIOTAHU PARISH

1. Further to my memorandum of 29 January, I mentioned to Mr Biddle at the conclusion of the Te Rere meeting that we would assist the people to lodge and prosecute a Section 439 application.

... 2. I am enclosing a draft application which I propose to lodge once Mr Biddle and the others concerned have approved of it. In particular I would want them to complete that part of the application dealing with the class of persons for whom the reservation is to be created.

3. Please also advise the people that the Maori Trustee is anxious to sell to any of them who wish to buy, the interests which he has converted.

H. P.
(H. P. Martin)

Acting Assistant District Officer

Encl.

APPLICATION FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR A MAORI RESERVATION

The Maori Affairs Act 1953, Section 439

In the Maori Land Court of New Zealand,

Waranaki District. Lot 134 Warotahi Pausah (Hokianga Island) Block.

APPLICATION is hereby made for a recommendation by the Maori Land Court that the land known as Lot 134 Warotahi Pausah (Hokianga Island) containing 13 acres 2 roods 12 perches, or the land described in the Schedule hereto and the plan attached hereto, being part of the land known as

being Maori freehold land or European land owned by Maoris be set apart as a Maori reservation for the purpose of a Recreation ground, landing place and place of historical and scenic interest, for the common use and benefit of (Here state the class of persons for whose use the reservation is intended):

The owners, and the people of New Zealand generally.

upon the following grounds:

That it is the wish of the owners to retain the land, but to allow the public to use it for recreation

Dated the day of 19

Fee:

Applicant:

Address:

THE SCHEDULE

(Where land is part only of a block, describe the part, and attach a plan.)

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			<u>\$115-08</u>

As at 18th January 1971

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4. TEKAIKI COUNTRY PLANNING; OPOTIKI COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMENDED DRAFT DISTRICT SCHEME:-

Hokianga Island has been designated as a proposed reserve on the Opotiki County Council Draft District Scheme.

5. OTHER OCCURRENCE

It is understood, following discussions with Mr. Biddle of the Whakatane Executive Committee, that the property although unoccupied is of vital concern to the Committee.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:-

(1) As this island is situated in such a position as to warrant any action to safeguard it as a reserve in the interests of the Whakatane people and the public generally, it is suggested that the Board of Maori Affairs acquire the property for the Crown pursuant to the provisions of Part XXI of the Maori Affairs Act 1953.

AND/OR

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AND/OR

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- (3) Pursuant to Section 439 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 the Court may recommend to the Secretary of the Department of Maori and Island Affairs that the island be declared a Maori Reservation and the Court may vest the reservation in the Whakatohea Trust Board for the common use or benefit of the public generally.

Opotiki 18th January 1971.

W. B. Watkins,
COMMISSIONER.

HEAD OFFICE

ROTORUA

Waiotahi C.C.

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MINISTERIAL ENQUIRY : HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134
WAIOTAHU PARISH

1. During the Minister's visit to the Te Rere Marae on 21 January, Mr Biddle raised the question of this Island and asked that it be retained for the owners.
2. In November 1968 the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Gisborne advised that his Department was then investigating the possibility of acquiring the land for scenic purposes and asked for a copy of the list of owners and addresses.
3. Because it was obvious from our records that up to 80% of the original 75 owners in the land were deceased, we advised the Commissioner that we would take steps to obtain succession applications before supplying a list with addresses. We have had very little success in this respect and in fact only four succession orders have been made since February 1969. In three cases the interests were of such small value that they were vested in the Maori Trustee in terms of Section 137 (2) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953. The Maori Trustee is, of course, anxious to sell on these interests to any owner who wishes to buy them.
- ... 4. I am enclosing a copy of a Rural Valuation and Report which was received in this office on 24 October 1969 and also a copy of a statement about the rates containing Council's recommendations, which were handed to us during our visit to Opotiki in January 1971. It will be seen that the Council would be satisfied to see the land set apart as a Maori reservation under the provisions of Section 439 of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 and the Commissioner of Crown Lands has indicated verbally that this would suit him admirably. In any event it is clear that the owners or the prospective successors to the deceased owners would not alienate the land.
5. We have left a copy of the list of owners in our Opotiki office and have asked Mr Biddle and other interested owners to peruse it there and to move towards obtaining successions to deceased owners. We have also offered to assist them in lodging and prosecuting a Section 439 application.
6. This information is sent to enable the Minister to reply to the representations made at the meeting.



(H. P. Martin)
Acting Assistant District Officer

Encls.

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D.O. Waiotahi C.C.
H.O. 1/1/47

P.S.

This memorandum was dictated prior to the receipt of the Secretary's memorandum of 29. 1.71 but will serve to answer paragraph 4 thereof. We have subsequently sent a draft Section 439 application to the Maori Welfare Officer in Opotiki for approval by Mr Biddle and his people. If approved, we will lodge the application as a Registrar's one.

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Waiotahi C.C.

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3 February 1971

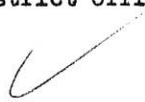
The Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Department of Lands and Survey,
P.O. Box 589,
GISBORNE.

Attention: Mr C.L. Costello

HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134 WAIOTAHU PARISH

1. During the meeting at Te Rere Pa on 21 January you indicated that the Crown would support the move by the owners to have this land set apart for a Maori reservation as a recreation place and place of historical and special interest.
2. Could you please confirm urgently to the Secretary of Maori Affairs, P.O. Box 2390, Wellington, that this is so, quoting Head Office file reference 1/1/47. Our Head Office has accumulated facts and relevant information to enable the Minister to reply to this and other submissions which were made to him.
3. Please minute to me a copy of your memorandum to my Head Office.

J.H.W.
(J.H.W. Barber)
District Officer



HPM:MAF

OPOTIKI

ROTORUA


Waiotahi C.C.

12. 2.71

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HOKIANGA ISLAND

1. Please report progress with the application under Section 439. Have you yet seen Mr Biddle?
2. As you know, this is a Ministerial enquiry, and I want to keep the Minister informed.

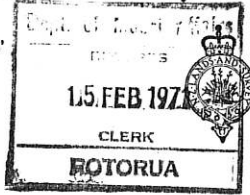

(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

Department of Lands & Survey

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: 'LANDS'

FOR VERBAL INQUIRIES
PLEASE ASK FOR MR

TELEPHONE No. 85122



OUR REFERENCE: 13/45
YOUR REFERENCE: 1/1/47

DISTRICT OFFICE,
P.O. BOX 589,

GISBORNE.

11 February, 1971.

The Secretary,
Maori and Island Affairs Department,
P.O. Box 2390,
WELLINGTON.

HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134 WAIOTAHU PARISH.

~~Your memorandum of 3 February, 1971.~~

You will recall that at the meeting at Te Rere Pa, Opotiki, on 21 January the question of having this Island set apart for Maori reservation as a recreation place and place of historical and special interest was raised.

Your District Officer, Rotorua, has asked that I advise you that I support this move and I have much pleasure in so doing. Actually, at the instigation of the Opotiki County Council in 1968 I made preliminary investigations into the possibility of purchasing Hokianga Island for reserve purposes. A Special Government Valuation was obtained which placed the value of the Island at \$1,000 and I was prepared to recommend that my department assist the County in the purchase of the Island for scenic reserve purposes. However, enquiries from your Rotorua office revealed that there were seventy-five owners and that at least seventy-five per cent of these were deceased and not succeeded to and that it would be a very difficult task to find evidence as to the persons entitled to succeed. As a result of the representations made to the Minister at Te Rere Pa, it is evident that there is no point in my pursuing the purchase of the Island any further and it seems that the proposal to set it apart as a Maori reservation should fill the bill. However, I shall be grateful if you will let me know what are the rights of the general public to use such Maori reserves.

C.L. Costello.
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

→ The District Officer,
Maori and Island Affairs Department,
Private Bag,
ROTORUA.

For your information.

Your memorandum of 3 February, 1971 refers (your reference M.A. Waiotahi C.C.).

Waratah comes to me, 1 Dec 19

Mr D. Clark
C.L. Costello.
C.L. Costello.
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

HPM:MAF

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HEAD OFFICE

ROTORUA

Waiotahi C.C.

1/1/47

12. 2.71

MINISTERIAL ENQUIRY : HOKIANGA ISLAND

Attention: Mr Gray

1. This is to confirm that Mr Bob Biddle's address is
c/- Post Office, Kutarere.

2. I will advise you immediately I receive the application
under Section 439.

H
(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

M.A. 104

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To ROTORUA

From OPOTIKI



Our file: 0./17

Your file: Waiotahi C.C.

Enclosures
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Date: 1.3.71

Previous ref.: Ours

Yours 18.1.71

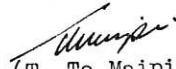
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HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134 WAIOTAHU PARISH

11573-65 W

ATTENTION : MR H.P. MARTIN

1. In a recent telephone conversation with you, I indicated that the Whakatohea Executive and people were to hold a meeting on Sunday 21 February to consider Hokianga Island and the draft reservation proposal, as outlined by you.
2. Owing to a tangi (Miss April Donner, sister to Mr A. Donner) during that week end the meeting was postponed.
3. We are engaged with members of the Waiariki District Council on Sunday 28 February which leaves us Sunday 7 March in which to discuss and consider matters pertaining to Hokianga Island.
4. I have discussed the draft proposal with Mr Biddle and Mr Maxwell and it appears that they favour the proposal and have agreed to put this up to the owners.
5. We have checked the list of owners and have been able to establish the identity and whereabouts of a number of the owners, and persons likely to succeed. A prepared list of owners who are known together with a list of likely persons to succeed will be prepared and copies forwarded to you in due course.
6. The proposed venue for the meeting will be Kutarere at the request of the residents there.


(T. Te Maipi)
Welfare Officer

Cornes file to no, please

HEAD OFFICE

ROTORUA

Waiotahi C.C.

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MINISTERIAL ENQUIRY : HOKIANGA ISLAND

1. ^{The} Maori Welfare Officer in Opotiki has reported that he has discussed the draft application with Mr Bidle and Mr Bill Maxwell who apparently support it. However, they are apparently holding a meeting of the local owners at the first opportunity and will obtain agreement then before lodging the application.

2. I will keep you advised on this matter.

(H. P. Martin)
Deputy Registrar

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To ROTORUA

From OPOTIKI

Dept. of Māori Affairs	
REC.	MA
15. MAR 1971	
CLERK	
ROTORUA	

Our file: 0/17	Your file: Waiotahi C.C.	Enclosures checked
Date: 11/3/71	Previous ref.: Ours	

Subject: HOKIANGA ISLAND : LOT 134 WAIOTAHİ PARISH

11575-65 W

1. It is necessary for me to inform you again that the proposed meeting set down for Sunday 7 March has again been postponed till Sunday 14 March.
2. I understand that a large party from our area, Opotiki, Whakatane, Rotorua, Ruatahuna etc are travelling over to Manutuke Gisborne, leaving here on Friday evening and returning on Sunday. At the moment I do not know the purpose of the meeting.
3. However, we intend to keep you informed of developments on this case.

File - Waiotahi Corres
[Signature]

[Signature]
T. Te Maipi
Welfare Officer.