

IN THE MATTER of the Treaty of Waitangi Act
1975

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Tauranga Moana /
Western Bay of Plenty claims

BRIEF OF EVIDENCE HAUATA PALMER ON BEHALF OF NGAITERANGI

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BACKGROUND

1. My name is Hauata Palmer. I am of Ngaiterangi descent of the Mataatua waka.
2. I have some knowledge of Ngaiterangi history, rohe , hapu and their claims to the Waitangi Tribunal.

Settlement of Tauranga Moana

3. Ngaiterangi held Maketu for a period of time however, this did not last. Avenging the death of Taurawheke, Ngati Ranginui, captured and killed Tuwhiwhia, a son Rangihouhiri and Tauaiti, son of Tuwhiwhia.
4. Subsequently, Tauaiti's younger brother Kotorerua planned a complete annihilation of Ngati Ranginui with the assistance of Putangimaru from the Waikato.
5. Ngaiterangi attacked the Ngati Ranginui stronghold of Mauao and took possession. Ngaiterangi have thereafter resided in Tauranga Moana.

Ngaiterangi Rohe

6. The traditional rohe of Ngaiterangi is known as Mai i nga kuri a Wharei ki Wairakei. It could also be described as the area from Waiororo Stream north of Katikati, then in direct line to Mount Te Aroha, along the top of the Kaimai ranges to Ngatamahinerua, Waiuananu, Weraiti, Puwhenua and Otanewainuku peaks, along the Otawa hills to Wairakei on the Coast. The traditional rohe of Ngaiterangi also includes the islands of Motuhua, Matakana, Rangiwaea, Karewa, Moturiki, Motuotau, Tuhua and Motiti.

Ngaiterangi hapu and marae

7. Ngaiterangi at present comprises eight hapu with eleven operating marae. Ngai Tuwhiwhia and Ngati Tauaiti have a marae on Matakana island called Opureora. Ngati Tamawhariua have two marae, Reretukahia and Rangihouhiri. Reretukahia is situated at Katikati and Rangihouhiri At Matakana.
8. Ngati Tauwhao has two marae, Rangiwaea on Rangiwaea island and Otawhiwhi situated at Bowentown. Ngati Tapu have one marae, Waikari which is situated at Matapihi. Ngai Tukairangi marae are Whareroa and Hungahungatoroa at Matapihi.
9. Ngapotiki have two marae, Tamapahore at Mangatawa and Tahuwhakatiki at Waitao (Welcome Bay). The Ngati He marae, Maungatapu is situated at Maungatapu.

Ngaiterangi Claims

10. The Ngaiterangi claims are generic and broad claims relating to the prejudicial effects suffered by the hapu of Ngaiterangi as a result of the raupatu of Tauranga Moana. Such effects include, the dispossession of land, the destruction of social organisation and the resulting poor socio-economic position of Ngaiterangi.
11. In addition, numerous Ngaiterangi lives were lost at the battles of Gate Pa and Te Ranga. For instance Rawiri Puhirake and Heanre Taratoa, who were descendants of Rangihouhiri.
12. Also, many actions of the Crown were undertaken without the presence of the paramount Ngaiterangi chief, Hori Tupaea.