

Memorandum for the Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington.

Re PETITION NO. 175 OF 1935, OF HEKENUI WHAKARAKE, RELATIVE TO
NGARAKAUWHAKARARA NO. 4

THIS petition, which was referred to the Court for inquiry by the Chief Judge under the provisions of section 16 of the Native Purposes Act, 1937, was before the Court on various occasions to enable evidence and counter-evidence to be produced.

After due consideration of the evidence tendered at the various hearings, this Court is of the opinion that the facts stated in the petition were substantially correct.

A valuation made by Mr. H. Marumaru, Property Supervisor, at the date of the Proclamation would show that the improvements effected by the petitioner would be valued at £114. Rent owing for two years would be £10, and two years' rates would also be due at £2 per annum, making a total of £14, leaving a balance of £100.

The Court is therefore of the opinion that the owners should compensate the former lessee to this amount, and it is recommended accordingly that the sum of £100 be paid by the owners of Ngarakauwhakarara No. 4 to Hekenui Whakarake, the former lessee, in full compensation for the improvements effected by him on the land previous to its being brought under development.

I enclose herewith copy of minutes taken on the inquiry and copy of the petition.

[L.S.]

R. P. DYKES, Judge.

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