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NEW ZEALAND

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 75 OF 1946, OF
RIRI PIKO, OF OTEWA, PRAYING THAT STATUTORY PROVISION
MAY BE MADE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NATIVE LAND
COURT TO MAKE SUCCESSION ORDERS IN TERMS OF THE WILL
OF KURA RAUMOA, DECEASED**

Presented to Parliament in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 18 of the Native Purposes Act, 1946

Native Land Court (Chief Judge's Office),
P.O. Box 3006, Wellington C. 1, 29th July, 1947.

Memorandum for the Right Hon. the MINISTER OF MAORI AFFAIRS, Wellington.

PURSUANT to section 18 of the Native Purposes Act, 1946, I transmit to you the report of the Court on the claims and allegations contained in petition No. 75 of 1946, of Riri Piko, concerning the estate of Kura Raumoa, deceased.

The effect of the prayer of the petition is that an exception be made in the petitioner's case to the provision of the Native Land Act under which she is debarred, by reason of the fact that she is a European, from taking an interest in Native land under the will of the deceased.

The facts are fully set out in the Court's report, and in view of the terms of this report I have no recommendation to make.

D. G. B. MORISON, Chief Judge.

Memorandum for the Chief Judge, Wellington.

PETITION No. 75 OF 1946, OF RIRI PIKO, OF OTEWA, AND THE ESTATE OF KURA RAUMOA,
DECEASED : SECTION 18, NATIVE PURPOSES ACT, 1946

THIS application for inquiry and report was heard at the sitting of the Native Land Court at New Plymouth on 29th January, 1947 (Tar. M.B. 56, p. 159/162).

The petitioner, who was present, was represented by Mr. P. H. Jones, Licensed Interpreter, First Grade, of Hawera.

Evidence was given by petitioner in support of the petition and also by Raumati Ngaropa, *alias* Honi Raumati, who was a contemporary of the deceased, Kura Raumoa, the foster-mother of the petitioner.

From the evidence before the Court the fact arises that the petitioner was the daughter of pakeha parents and was brought up as an infant by a relative of Kura Raumoa in Wellington. The mother of petitioner was apparently a European resident of Chatham Islands.