

116. For a clearer picture of the scattered nature of the surpluses it is necessary to indicate the locations and extent of the areas, which are as follows:—

District.	Area (Acres).	District.	Area (Acres).
Awanui	5,280	St. John's Lake	118
Mangonui	5,013	Whau (Avondale)	1,444
Kaitaia	9,813	Rangitopuni	360
Whangaroa	7,360	Pine Island	88
Kaeo	4,163	Lucas Creek	1,000
Bay of Islands	19,543	Weiti	39
Waimate	1,745	Manukau	1,900
Hokianga	654	Onehunga	94
Whangarei	3,890	Ellerslie	113
Kaipara	5,825	Mangere	2,169
Great Barrier Island	6,765	Papakura	1,286
Upper Waitemata	228	Waiuku	547
Waitemata	577	Coromandel	118
Waiheke Island	763	Waipa	35
Remuera	3	Opotiki	6,641
Epsom	8		87,582

117. Generally speaking, these surplus lands were of a mixed quality, and on this account it would be impossible to fix individual values.

118. We have reviewed the history and the circumstances surrounding this long-standing dispute. We have given it our earnest and deepest consideration, and we conscientiously believe that equitable justice will be served by payment to the Maoris concerned at the rate of 14s. per acre.

119. We unhesitatingly recommend to Your Excellency's advisers—and, we might add, in arriving at our recommendations we have not allowed sentiment or expediency in any way to influence our thoughts or conclusions:—

- That the Maoris concerned have by the unanimous decision of the whole Commission an equity in 87,582 acres of surplus land.
- That they be compensated for this area at the rate of 14s. per acre, amounting to £61,307.
- That this sum be in full and final settlement of certain lands known as "surplus lands of the Crown," and the schedule thereto as set out in Your Excellency's Commission of the 5th October, 1946.

120. If legislation be enacted to give effect to these recommendations, we respectfully suggest that—

- This sum, or whatever amount may be granted, be administered for the benefit of the people interested by a Trust Board already in existence or to be created.
- The amount of such settlement be paid to the Trust in ten annual instalments, thus extinguishing the claim in that length of time.
- The Trust be directed to consider some scheme of settlement or housing contiguous to works of a permanent or semi-permanent character and so help to stem the drift of the Maoris to the big cities.

We consider the suggestion to extinguish this claim in ten years is preferable to an annual payment in perpetuity. We also consider that the larger amount received by the Trust in any one year would be sufficiently substantial to carry out some comprehensive plan of settlement.

121. We conclude by a quotation of Mr. T. Lindsay Buick in the preface to the second edition of his book, *The Treaty of Waitangi* referring to the spot whereon the Treaty was signed as "the classic ground on which white and brown men met and decided to put their trust in each other."

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