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NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1920.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 245/20, RELATIVE TO PARTITION OF HEREHERETAU B5 BLOCK.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in pursuance of Section 32 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920.

> Office of the Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington, 12th December, 1921. Hereheretau B5.—Petition 1920/245.

Pursuant to section 32 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920, I forward the report of the Native Land Court herein.

In view of that report, I recommend that no legislative action be taken.

The Hon. Native Minister, Wellington.

R. N. Jones, Chief Judge.

Maori Land Board Office, Kahukura, 29th November, 1921.

Hereheretau B5 and Petition by Pora Hakere herewith.

I have the honour to inform you that I held the inquiry directed by you in the attached reference at the sitting of the Native Land Court at Wairoa on the 26th October, 1921. Pora Hakere herself gave evidence, but her statement before me was so much at variance with the assertions in the petition that her solicitor, Mr. O'Malley, withdrew from the case, and the matter was adjourned. On the morning of the following day Pora Hakere again appeared, admitted she could not substantiate the allegations made in the petition, and intimated she intended to proceed no further in the matter.

The Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Judge.

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