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NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1922.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 220 OF 1922, OF INIA RANGINUI AND OTHERS, RELATIVE TO PARTITION OF OKAHUKURA 8M No. 2 BLOCK.

Presented to Parliament in pursuance of Section 55 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1922.

Native Department, Wellington, 24th July, 1924.

Petition No. 220 of 1922—Okahukura 8m No. 2 Block.

PURSUANT to section 55 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1922, I enclose the report of the Court in the above petition.

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

R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

The Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1922.

In the Native Land Court of New Zealand, Aotea District.—In the matter of the petition, No. 220 of 1922, of Inia Ranginui and others, praying for a rehearing of partition of Okahukura 8M No. 2 Block as to the portion known as the Otukou Papakainga, referred to the Court under the provisions of section 55 of the above-mentioned Act.

AT a sitting of the Native Land Court at Tokaanu on the 1st day of March, 1923, the Court made inquiry into the above matter and reports as follows:—

1. Inia Ranginui was present, and was given an opportunity of prosecuting the matter, but did not take any active steps to place his case before the Court. He stated that he wished to confer with the owners of Okahukura 8M 2B, to whom the Otukou Papakainga was awarded on partition.

2. The Court understands that Inia did confer with the owners of 8M 2B, but that they would not agree to meet his wishes.

3. At several other times during March and April, 1923, Inia Ranginui was given opportunities of placing his case before the Court at Tokaanu, but did not do so.

4. Later on, upon the partition of 8M 2B and the cutting-out of the papakainga area at Otukou, the Court specially referred to Inia Ranginui's claim, but the owners of 8M 2B said they would on no account agree to the inclusion of Inia's party in the papakainga.

5. Inia Ranginui was present at the sitting of the Court at Tokaanu in March, 1924, and again failed to put his case before the Court, and did not even mention the matter.

6. The Court accordingly recommends that no action be taken in the matter.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1924.

For the Court,
F. O. V. ACHESON, Judge.

The Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington.

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