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THE NATIVE PURPOSES ACT, 1935.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION No. 66, OF 1935, OF TE AUTA TE ROU NGATAI
RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF LOT 108B, PARISH OF TE PAPA.

Presented to Parliament in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 22 of the Native Purposes Act, 1935.

Native Land Court (Chief Judge's Office),
Wellington, C.1, 7th August, 1936.

The Right Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER, Wellington.

PETITION No. 66, OF 1935.—LOT 108B, PARISH OF TE PAPA.

PURSUANT to section 22 of the Native Purposes Act, 1935, I transmit herewith the report of the Court upon the above petition.

From the report it will be seen that the petitioner has, through the neglect of the Court and Maori Land Board, lost a quarter interest in Lot 108B, valued at £23 2s. The District Land Registrar has followed out the order of the Native Land Court, and the Maori Land Board has confirmed the dealing as being one by the registered proprietor. It is doubtful if, under the circumstances, the Land Transfer Assurance Fund would recognize any claim upon it. The amount involved is so small that it would probably be eaten up with the cost of legal proceedings.

It is recommended that the Crown consider the advisability of making a monetary grant to the petitioner to recoup her loss.

R. N. JONES, Chief Judge.

In the Native Land Court of New Zealand, Waiariki District.—In the matter of the Native Purposes Act, 1935, and of Petition No. 66, of 1935, respecting Lot 108B, Parish of Te Papa, referred to the Court for inquiry and report.

REPORT OF COURT.

At a sitting of the Court held at Tauranga on the 24th day of July, 1936, before Robert Noble Jones, Esquire, Chief Judge.

1. The land referred to in the petition was originally granted to Hori Ngatai and Renata Porori in trust for the Matewaitai hapu under the names of Lot 21 (containing 32 acres) and Lot 108 (containing 50 acres), Parish of Te Papa.

2. Pursuant to jurisdiction conferred upon it, the Court ascertained that there were thirty-eight owners, including one Pirihiira Hiria (then deceased).

3. As part of the proceedings the Court appointed Te Aomarama te Rehutai and Te Aota te Rou (the petitioner) as successors to Pirihiira Hiria (deceased) in equal shares.

4. The Court then proceeded to partition the land amongst the owners, awarding Lot 108B (containing 4 acres 1 rood 10 perches) to Mere Peka Paama and Pirihiira Enoka in equal shares. There is no doubt that Pirihiira Enoka was intended to be Pirihiira Hiria. The order was drawn up accordingly in favour of Mere Peka Paama and the two successors of Pirihiira Hiria.