

## HĀWEA – WĀNAKA SILNA MEETINGS

There were 3 meetings held for the Hāwea - Wānaka substitute land being Section 2 of 5 Block XIV Lower Wānaka Survey District on Sunday 4 December in Blenheim, Saturday 10 December in Invercargill and Sunday 11 December in Christchurch.

All 3 meetings were to provide information to the owners and/or their descendants about the block, answer any questions and to advise the next steps for the Assembled Owners meeting pursuant to Section 173 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.

This is a summary of the meetings held

### Blenheim – Sunday 4 December 2011

Attendance: *Rau Kirikiri* - Facilitator, *Carol Smith* – Registrar MLC, *John Patterson* – Advisory Officer MLC, *Tom White* – Policy Manager TPK, *Erin Keenan* – Policy Analyst TPK, *Dr Terry Ryan* - TRONT.

Owners and/or descendants of owners present:

Eric Roberts	Patricia Craver	Allan MacDonald
Diane Sinclair	Shirley Cootes	Moana Thompsett
John Wares	Lawrence MacDonald	Karen Starkey
Arthur Pacey	Gemma McKinney	Haromi Taylor
Helen Jones	Wayne Jones	Keepa Timms
Jason Pacey	Rebecca Luke	Donald Freeth
M Rex Rodley	Sharyn Smith	Les Charters
Christine N	Leigh H	Lena Charters
Lewi Boyks	Coral Hedley	Barry Hedley

Introductions were made and a mihi by Rau.

A Power point presentation was given by Tom and the following questions were asked during the presentation. New questions have been added to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) document.

Main points in the presentation were:

Purpose and agenda for the meeting;

Background history on SILNA and this block;  
Where the block is;  
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Brief descriptions on the options to be decided; and  
The next steps.

Q. Did the original block have forestry on it?

A. Originally part of it was but when they did the settlement it was a sheep farm

Q. When will the trees be ready for harvest?

A. In about 20 years.

Q. Are there any owners who you don't know the descendants for?

A. Yes – work was done by Terry at the Whakapapa Unit of TRONT and cross referenced with the MLC records but for some of the original owners neither organisation know who the descendants are. If you know you should notify the MLC

Q. What is the difference between Māori Land and General Land

A. Māori Land is administered by the MLC who keep records of the owners, what is happening on the block etc. General land the records of the owners are held by Land Information NZ

Q. How much is the original block worth?

A. Unknown. When the settlement was completed the substitute block was of a similar value and as close in location to the original block

Q. Who is paying the rates now?

A. The Crown, they will continue to until this process is completed

Q. How would we get the trees off?

A. You would have to talk to the neighbouring blocks about access.

Q. What are the trees worth?

A. Unsure but some are subject to ETS

Q. Can we mill them?

A. When you decide how you want to manage the block you can discuss that.

Q. Has the substitute block been settled

A. Yes – this was part of the Ngāi Tahu settlement.

General discussion amongst those present.

- \* Why was the block accepted if it was landlocked?
- \* How do we access it if it is landlocked?
- \* We should have received the original block back.
- \* What did we get a token gesture?
- \* Why do we need to accept it?
- \* We never agreed to the substitute block!
- \* As Māori Land we can't sell it I would prefer it to be General Land. Then we can sell it
- \* The Council was using the block what about leasing or selling to them?
- \* We have no ties to this block!
- \* We won't be going down there to live, what can we do with the block?

There was discussion about the process for the formal meeting of owners where you will have to vote on the decisions and this can only be done by those persons who are shown on the list of owners. If you are a descendant of an owner you will need to talk to the MLC about succession to become an owner and to be able to vote. The processing of voting is yet to be confirmed.

There was also discussion about why some people did not get notice. The process was that TRONT were engaged by TPK to send out the Pānui and we were unable to confirm who was sent notice. Those present were asked to make sure they completed the attendance list and if they have addresses for other members of their whānau to give them to John or send an email to the MLC at [mlctewaipounamu@justice.govt.nz](mailto:mlctewaipounamu@justice.govt.nz)

**It was agreed by those present that there should be one Hui with everyone and that it be held in Wānaka. Maybe someone from the Council could attend.**

Before the meeting ended Dr Terry Ryan talked about how he has been involved in SILNA land since the 1960's – Succession is to those in the 1908 gazette. Parekura Horomia pushed to complete this so it would not take another 100 years. Years ago he went to the Neck with Rik Ellison his Taua Tini went there to get kai, recently he went back to the original block, unaware it was a pastoral lease, didn't know there was an exchange.

Meeting closed with a Karakia

**Invercargill (Murihiku Marae) – Saturday 10 December 2011**

Attendance: Carol Smith – Registrar MLC, Tom White – Policy Manager TPK, Hana Morgan - TPK and Dr Terry Ryan - TRONT.

Owners and/or descendants of owners present:

Whitu P Ransfield	Treasure Maxwell	Whitu G Ransfield
Avril Thompson	Lorraine Skerrett	M Nepia
P McManus	Rena Daintith	

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Q Is this the same acreage as the Neck?

A No. Settlement was for the same area of a similar or same value

Q Why did we not get the Neck?

A It was in a Pastoral lease for 100 years and not available

Q What type of trees are on the block?

A Douglas Fir and Pine

Q What about carbon credits?

A They will come back to the owners. Pre – no allocation and if you cut down the trees you have to replant. Post – not in ETS but you can opt in.

Q Why is Māori Customary land not an option? It should be.

A Not an option in the Deed of Settlement

General discussion amongst those present.

- \* Cultural purposes – cut down the trees for building a lodge for the owners
- \* Major shareholders will decide the options
- \* How hard would it be to put in a road, shouldn't be that hard.
- \* A beautiful block looking out at Lake Hāwea and Lake Wānaka
- \* Still get Tuna there.

There was discussion about the process for the formal meeting of owners where you will have to vote on the decisions and this can only be done by those persons who are shown on the list of owners. If you are a descendant of an owner you will need to talk to the MLC about succession to become an owner and to be able to vote. The processing of voting is yet to be confirmed.

**Those present agreed that there should be another hui before the voting process takes place. Suggestion to have that hui on the block in Wānaka.**

Before the meeting ended Dr Terry Ryan talked about the SILNA allocation of 50 acres for an Adult and a child under 14 got 20 acres. Also talked about going on to the Neck and not realising that there had been an exchange.

Meeting closed with a Karakia

### **Christchurch – Sunday 11 December 2011**

Attendance: *Carol Smith* – Registrar MLC, *Michael Quinn* – Deputy Registrar MLC, *Tim Hill* – Record Preservation Officer MLC, *Tom White* – Policy Manager TPK, *Rakihia Tau* - TPK and *Dr Terry Ryan* - TRONT.

Owners and/or descendants of owners present:

Phil Tikao	Pere Tainui	Justin Fowler
Natalya Pitama	Patuki Pitama	Joan Moeroa Hilhorst
Joseph P Tapa	Raymond G Jacobs	Joanne Roskilley
James Mason Russell	Jane Blincoe	Clifford Jacobs
Michael Solomon	Darren Solomon	Wiremu Timms
Ian & Ann Moriki	Michelle Bill	Ann Edwards POA for Tony Edwards
Wendy Browne	George Tikao	Greg Roberts
Jennifer Rendall	Suzanne Ellison	Clarke Hiroti
Pipiwharauoa Waaka	Nola Tipa	Karen Tumaru
Peter Bryce	Elaine Cooksley	Meri Jacobs
Damion Hart for Lucy Ruru Burke	Jean- Paul Hiroti	Rikihana Tipa
Mandy Home	Chloe Hiroti	Dalvin Hiroti
Wai-iti Ruru	Helen Rasmussen	Kora Edwards

Mihi and Karakia by Rakihia Tau

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Q Is it of similar size to the original block?

A No, it is of similar value

Q Is the forest exotic or native?

A Exotic

Q When will the trees be ready for harvest?

A About 4 years

Q Can we have the block back then?

A These meetings are to make decisions now, not really an option.

Q Who is maintaining the tracks?

A A forestry manager employed by the Crown

Q Are the bikers using the track paying a fee?

A Unsure, not that we are aware of

Q What is the value of the block?

A Last valuation was \$6,000,000 (6 million)

General discussion amongst those present.

- \* Why was the block accepted if it was landlocked?
- \* We should be talking to the Council about remittance of rates
- \* We should be negotiating access to the block
- \* Why wasn't more media used to advertise the meeting?

- \* Possibly subdividing part of the block as the town gets closer
- \* Building on the block

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Those present also discussed setting up a committee (working party) for proposals of what to do with the block. It was agreed that the MLC would facilitate a meeting of this group anyone interested should give their names to Mike and he will contact those people who were at the Blenheim and Invercargill meetings.

**Those present agreed that there should be another hui before the voting process takes place. Also that hui should be in Wānaka.**

Before the meeting closed Dr Terry Ryan talked about his visit to the block at 'the Neck'

Meeting closed with a Karakia by Rik Tau.