

6 December 2023

File Ref: OIA 47869

[REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 10 October 2023. You asked for the following information:

"We would like to make an application / under the official information act / for the release of information [REDACTED] Wai 52 number Wai 52 claims [REDACTED]"

On 20 October 2023 we contacted you to ask if you could be more specific about what information you are seeking in relation to [REDACTED] and the Wai 52 claim, to help us identify whether we hold the information sought.

You responded that you would like *"all inclusive information"*, *"associated with [REDACTED] Wai 52 claim."*

On 8 November 2023 we wrote to you to advise of an extension to the time available to respond, because your request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time frame would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have retrieved and searched a total of 19 files and one document has been identified in scope of your request (relating to [REDACTED] and the Wai 52 claim). This document is a record of a meeting held by Hokio Māori Township Trustees and the Hokio A Land Trust Trustees, on 30 October 1993. This meeting record is part of a document titled *"Hokio A Lands and Māori Township Trusts"* which was lodged with the Waitangi Tribunal on 25 August 1994. This document is being released to you with certain information withheld in accordance with the Act on the following grounds:

- *Section 9(2)(a) – in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.*

In making the decision to withhold information, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act and do not believe they outweigh the privacy interests to release the information.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oiat@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manaia King', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Manaia King
Hautū, Te Puni Tautoko Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Organisational Support

Meeting of the Hokio Maori Township Trustees and the Hokio A Land Trust Trustees at Kohitere Centre Levin 10am Saturday 30/10/93.

In attendance: as per attendance schedule.

Meeting opened with addresses from s9(2)(a) as Chairman and Komatua followed by addresses from all other Trustees in attendance.

Matters arising were:

1 - PARTITIONING

Mover:

Seconder:

Motion: Those petitioning to stand up and explain.

Petitioner: s9(2)(a) speaking on behalf of s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

Comments Made

They have set up their own corporation.

Discussion

s9(2)(a)

- explained spirit of the Act.
- Act says owners must seek opinion of shareholders.
- Consideration be given to the effect the proposal could have on other owners.
- Consideration be given to the best use of overall land area.
- Ensure owners outside Horowhenua be advised.

s9(2)(a)

- Advertising of meeting done nationally.
- The Trust must be concerned with the nature and character of happenings on the block seeking to be partitioned.
- Partition order will split Trust.
- Petitioners want to be self-governing and choose their own block.

s9(2)(a)

- Against petition of people not Muaupoko.
- disgusted by behaviour exhibited so far at this meeting.

s9(2)(a)

- Petitioning requires Hokio A will disappear.
- Settlement (petitioning) will end wild nature of the land.
- Money gained from sale of land tends to diminish over time - land always remain.
- Profit not important.
- Partitioning of tribal land allows European take over in time.
- Land gives a tribe stature in the eyes of Maoridom. Eg Horowhenua Lake and Hokio A and Hokio Maori Township.

s9(2)(a)

- Notifies of proxy to stand on behalf of his family.
- The family backed by s9(2)(a) oppose any changes to the status quo.

s9(2)(a)

- Block 11 individual Block not tribal.
- Block 12 and Block 6 tribal block.

s9(2)(a)

- All land belonging to the Maori prior to Pakeha intervention tribal.
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- Individual ownership since Pakeha settlement.
- Necessity for Maori Land Court Judge to confirm the feelings of the majority of the members of the Trust to ensure that his decision will be a wise one in view of the repercussions for the country. This could be a land mark case.

s9(2)(a)

- Partitioning NO.
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VOTE

Mover:
 Seconder:
 Motion:

s9(2)(a)

To allow partitioning of land Hokio A.

VOTE RESULT

In favour: 5
 Opposed: 26

VOTE

Mover: s9(2)(a)
Second: s9(2)(a)
Motion: To allow partitioning of Hokio Maori Township.

VOTE RESULT

In favour: 4 as listed below:
- s9(2)(a)
- s9(2)(a) per proxy given to s9(2)(a)
Opposed: 30

2 - FINANCE
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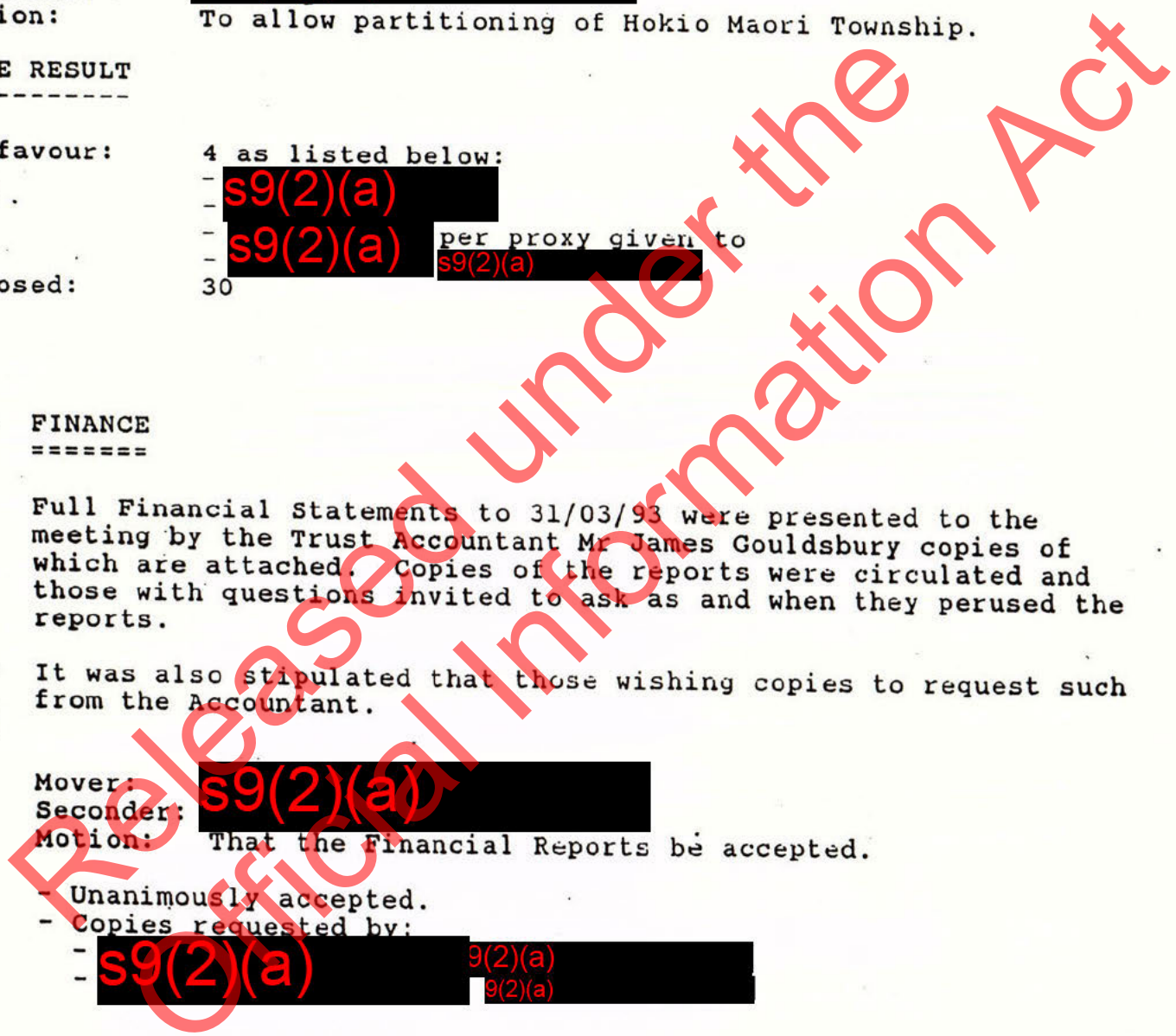
Full Financial Statements to 31/03/93 were presented to the meeting by the Trust Accountant Mr James Gouldsbury copies of which are attached. Copies of the reports were circulated and those with questions invited to ask as and when they perused the reports.

It was also stipulated that those wishing copies to request such from the Accountant.

Mover: s9(2)(a)
Second: s9(2)(a)
Motion: That the Financial Reports be accepted.

- Unanimously accepted.
- Copies requested by:

- s9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)
- s9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)



3 - COMMENTS FROM EXISTING TRUSTEES
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The existing trustees present commented on the past year and offered themselves again for re-election with the exception of s9(2)(a) and the Chairman thanked the Trustees for all their hard work.

All sitting trustees resigned to enable a new committee of trustees to be elected.

s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(a) excused themselves because of previous engagements.

s9(2)(a) asked to take Chair to elect new committee of Trustees.

4 - ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
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Mover:
Seconder:
Trustee:

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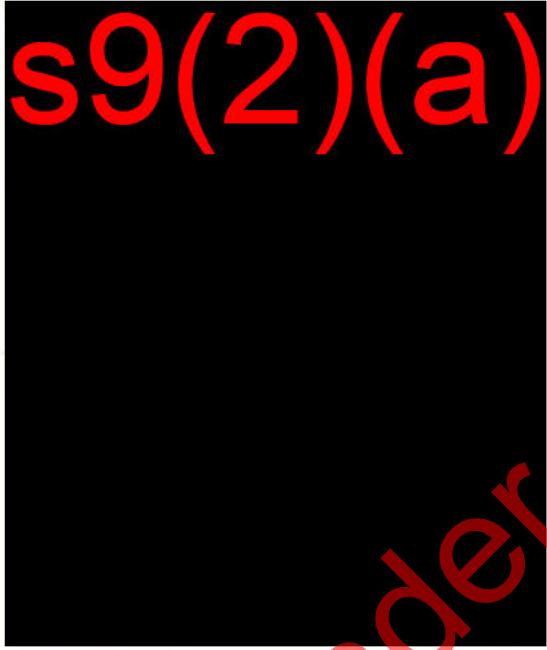
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Mover:
Seconder:
Trustee:



s9(2)(a)

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All Nominations approved by all present except s9(2)(a)

The meeting adjourned while lunch was served.

5 - SIGNATORIES FOR LEASES, CHEQUES, CONTRACTS
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Mover: s9(2)(a)

Seconder: unanimous

Motion: That the sitting and interim executive have authority to sign cheques to pay ongoing operational expenses only. A further meeting of the Hokio Township Trust be called to confirm conditions and changes of new leases.

6 - GENERAL BUSINESS
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s9(2)(a) advised that the Court Hearing time had been adjusted and the new time was Wednesday 03/11 2.30pm.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm.

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