

**Whakatōhea: NGĀ TAKE O TE RAU TAU 1900 ME NGĀ HUA O NGĀ ŌHANGA Ā PĀPORI I
TE RAUPATU**
**File Research Report on Twentieth-century land administration
and socio-economic issues**

SUMMARY

A. Problems around Communities and Land: 1900-1925

- Section 1: begins with a listing of the land still held by Whakatōhea at the beginning of the 20th century. Evidence given by Whakatōhea landholders before the Stout-Ngata Commission about their future aspirations is also recorded.
- Section 2: looks at four cases studies in relation to Whakatōhea land.
 - problems with Opape Reserve in relation to its quality and its subdivision
 - the difficulties experienced by the Whakapaupakihi owners - who had leased their lands - in receiving their rental payments.
 - a 1912 complaint made by Whakatōhea about several issues relating to Hiwarau
 - the reluctance of officials to provide a road for those Whakatōhea who held interests in the Tahora 2A blocks and who were trying to settle the land.
- Section 3: looks at Crown purchasing of Whakatōhea's inland blocks after 1910.
- Section 4: records health-related information including instances of epidemics and requests by Whakatōhea for medical services.
- Section 5: provides snapshots of two native schools. At Omarumutu the difficulties of attending the school are shown. The Waioeka case study reveals the hostile attitude of the wider Pakeha community towards schooling for Whakatōhea.
- The final Section records evidence presented before the Simm Commission in 1925 on where Whakatōhea were living, their land use and their need for waged employment.

B. Attempted Development: 1925-1950

- Section 1: records snapshots of life in several Whakatōhea kainga where various health and housing issues were identified.
- Section 2: records a Whakatōhea petition for a fishing reserve at Ōhiwa harbour.
- Section 3: provides an overview of state-assisted land development on Opape Reserve.

C. Development and Welfare: 1950-1975

- Section 1: records socio-economic issues (employment, education and law and order).
- Section 2: examines housing issues in several Whakatōhea communities.
- Section 3: examines five case studies on land issues
 - Whakataupakihi: the matter being considered was how land that had been leased to Pakeha might be used by the owners when the leases expired.
 - Opape: shows unsuccessful attempts by Whakatōhea over two decades to get assistance from Crown agencies to fix up titles and assist with land development.
 - Opape: re attempts by Whakatōhea to utilise the timber resource on these lands.
 - Hiwarau: re amalgamation and land development attempts
 - The final subsection reviews a number of specific land experiences with various sections spread throughout the Ōpōtiki district.

D. Seeking Sustainable Development: 1975-1990

- Section 1: records the Whakatōhea objective to find ways in which their land can be developed for their benefit and progress.
- Section 2: presents material on Whakatōhea health and welfare issues in the 1980s.
- Section 3: provides material on issues being faced in relation to Ōhiwa harbour.