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**NGA RAURU; KA MARO TE KAKI O TE
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ABSTRACT

This thesis is concerned with the development of a resource: land, so as to provide an economic base that will sustain social and cultural activities for the iwi of Nga Rauru.

Chapter One of the thesis reveals the various Acts and legislations and reasons that made land a source of conflict between Maori and Pakeha during the Nineteenth century. This is the first period of land alienation. Chapter Two highlights the Acts and legislation of the Twentieth century that continued to alienate Maori from their land. Attempts to counter this land alienation are also discussed. In Chapter Three a block of Maori land, originally Crown granted in 1882, is used to show the process of fragmentation and alienation which has produced the situation today: there is still Maori land left in the block, but it is largely leased to local Pakeha farmers.

The consequences of land alienation to Maori in general, and where possible Nga Rauru specifically, is discussed in Chapter Four. Economic, cultural, spiritual, social and political factors are viewed in an attempt to gauge Nga Rauru's present 'well-being'. The final chapter calls for the utilisation of Nga Rauru lands to be returned to the iwi. A scenario concentrating on forestry development is used to indicate possible costs and returns to the iwi, in economic and social terms. The chapter concludes that there is a need for Nga Rauru to establish a Development Unit to facilitate desired economic growth for the iwi.

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CONVENTIONS

- 1 Macrons have not been used in spelling of Maori words.
- 2 Maori names used are as they were spelt in source material.
- 3 Maori words are in italics the first time they are used, then explained in glossary.
- 4 Acres are used as they were in the Maori Land Court records (1 acre = .4 hectares).
- 5 Currency used is that which was on the lease agreements. This was pounds until the change to decimal currency in the 1960's.
- 6 Most Tables and Figures are on the page following their reference.
- 7 Tables and Figures are numbered per chapter and sequence (Fig 3.3 = Third Figure in Chapter Three).
- 8 'The Court', refers to the Maori Land Court.

ABBREVIATIONS

- 1 PKW - Parininihi ki Waitotara Incorporation.
- 2 438 Trust - The most common Trust used to deal with Maori land held in multiple ownership.
- 3 RMET - Rangitawhi Marae Enterprise Trust.
- 4 42 Tar. M.B 126-7 - Volume 42 Taranaki Minute Book Folio 126-7.
- 5 Wg - Whanganui.
- 6 NP - New Plymouth.