



Government House
New Zealand

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Ms Tanya Peterson
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Dear Ms Peterson

Thank you for the letter you forwarded to Government House by email on 30 May 2017. You also attached other documents that explain the claim you are making about the land your grandfather occupied in the 1920s. I acknowledge that we have been in correspondence before.

I see from the account provided by the historian at the Ministry of Justice that the historical records, as he viewed them, do not support the case you are presenting.

I know you are looking to the Governor-General to show respect to your grandfather's service on behalf of the Crown. That does not mean, though, she is in a position to intervene in the matters you have raised. The Governor-General does not enter into proceedings brought by members of the public on her own initiative or because someone writes to her. Instead, she acts only when advised to do so by Ministers of the Crown.

The documents you have attached show that you have already made your case known to the Prime Minister and to other Ministers, as well as to Parliament.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'GB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gregory Baughen
Official Secretary