

Hon. Winston Peters:

On the 14.5. 2013. I sent an E-mail to you in regards to my grandparents ballot land . The selection of land by Soldiers 1920, under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act of 1915, to be addressed by our lawyer Janet Mason, Pacific Law, Wellington, and another letter on the 19.7.2013 to confirm date. Janet Mason has just informed me that the Treaty has not been paying her out her legal aid costs, that run into a considerable amount. We feel this is not our problem, as we are not part of the Treaty, for this is a civil claim under legal aid.

She has had our files for over two years, and now has decided to pass it over to an other law firm after we have provided her with all information and documents that she required and more regarding to our claim. Janet said she would let us know in three days who would take over from her. Two weeks have passed, so I got hold of Grant Abbie legal services Rotorua to see what has been put through and this is the letters we received from him.

We are not to sure if it was me getting in touch with you , or if our files will be safe after they might pass the G.C.S.B Bill when I mentioned it to her. As we have a large amount of classified documents to prove the government did not fulfill the contract for a lot of our soldiers. So why should our soldiers be penalized for the treaty. Seems very one sided, as we have had problems with other law firms with some of our documents missing and after they have returned our files, there reason is conflict of interest.

Had a meeting with Hon Flavell who also said that the maori are putting in crown land claims for their soldiers that took part in W. W. 1. Funny that, when we have been trying for years. He did suggest mentioning our claim in parliament, but I did not think it was wise at this stage, needed to speak to our lawyer first as well. Now we feel that our claim has been used for the benefit of the maori soldiers and our case has been put on to the back benches. We hope this is not a racist issue.

Could you please look into this and advise us on this situation, even if you got hold of Grant Abbie as well, from legal services as he has been aware of this claim for many years.

Yours sincerely
Tanya Peterson