



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

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MEDIA STATEMENT

E harikoa ana Te Tumu Whakawā i te kopounga o Te Kaiwhakawā Matua hou o Te Kooti Whenua Māori

E harikoa ana Te Tumu Whakawā i te putanga mai o te pānui a te Minita Kairiwhi o Te Puni Kōkiri, a te Hōnore Nanaia Mahuta, mō te kopounga o Kaiwhakawā Caren Fox hei Kaiwhakawā Matua mō Te Kooti Whenua Māori.

Ko Kaiwhakawā Matua Fox (nō Ngāti Porou, Rongowhakaata, Te Whānau ā Apanui), te Kaiwhakawā Matua tekau mā whitu o Te Kooti Whenua Māori, ā, ko ia hoki te wahine tuatahi ki te whiwhi i tēnei tūranga.

I kōrero te Tumu Whakawā mō te ratonga roa, tiketike hoki o Kaiwhakawā Matua Fox ki taua Kooti. I kopounga a Kaiwhakawā Matua Fox hei Kaiwhakawā o te Kooti Whenua Māori i te tau 2000, ā, hei Kaiwhakawā Matua Tuarua hoki i te tau 2010. Hāngai ana ki te kopounga, i kī te Tumu Whakawā:

“He kawenga tino nui te kawenga ka whai a Kaiwhakawā Matua Fox i nāiane, i roto i tōna tūranga hei Kaiwhakawā Matua o Te Kooti Whenua Māori. Ko Te Kooti Whenua Māori tētahi o ngā kōti tawhito rawa atu i Aotearoa nei, ā, he pūmau hoki āna mahi ki te āhuratanga o te hāpori Māori me te ōhanga Māori”.

“Whai mātauranga, whai tirohanga whānui hoki ngā kaiwhakawā noho ai i tēnei mana ture whakawā o Aotearoa me ngā ture o Aotearoa. He mea ahurei te tūranga o te Kooti i te ao ture noa me o tātou whakaritenga ā-ture Kāwanatanga.

“E whai ana a Kaiwhakawā Matua Fox i ngā pūkenga katoa, te āhuratanga me te āheinga ki te whakatutuki i tēnei takohanga. He kaiwhakawā tautōhito ia, he pukenga whakaputa ihu waka, he kaiarataki hoki”.

Ka kitea te haurongo mō te Kaiwhakawā Matua Fox i runga i [te pae tukutuku o Te Kooti Whenua Māori](#).

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