

**Ngā Whenua i Whakahokia Mai i te Raupatu**  
**SUMMARY**

*Compensation Court, out-of-court settlements and lands returned to Whakatōhea – nineteenth and twentieth century*

This report summarises the process of land confiscation within the Whakatōhea rohe. It describes the 1867 sittings of the Compensation Court, and the out-of-court settlements conducted by James Wilson, the Special Commissioner of Claims to Bay of Plenty lands, and by his successor, Herbert Brabant. Each of the awards of formerly confiscated lands to individuals, families and hapū is listed, as fully and accurately as the available records permit.

Those awarded these lands could only confirm their ownership with a Crown grant. In some cases, those grants were not issued for more than ten years. In at least one case, the 12-acre Lot 311 at Waioeka, no completed Crown grant seems ever to have been issued.

The great majority of the returned lands comprised the Opape Native Reserve. The largest section of this report therefore deals with the history of this reserve, including its formation, subdivision and survey, its alienation history, land development schemes, its papakainga, marae and urupā, and public works takings for roading.