

MEMORANDUM

TO: [Name removed], HEAD ARCHIVIST ARRANGEMENT & DESCRIPTION

FROM: [Name removed], ARCHIVIST

***SUBJECT:* JOBFIL 2002/1644 WAITANGI TRIBUNAL, PAPERS RELATING TO THE WEST COAST COMMISSION AND WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES.**

DATE: 16 JULY 2003

A small quantity of Nineteenth Century records (1 archive box) was handed to the Waitangi Tribunal by a researcher. The provenance of these records is unknown, but they are reputed to have been retrieved from a rubbish bin! No further details of the records previous location, nor of the location of the rubbish bin, is known.

The Waitangi Tribunal has in turn, offered the records to Archives New Zealand.

A list of the records is attached. The Papers relate to the West Coast Commission and the West Coast Settlement Reserves and include outwards correspondence from [Name removed] in his roles as West Coast Commissioner and as Reserve Trustee. Duplicate copies of published reports and form letters have been returned.

The original material is clearly part of the records of the commission and the Public Trust (where the Reserve Trustee appears to have been based), and can therefore be considered part of the Public Record. These records are of permanent archival value due to their date and relevance to issues of Land administration and ownership.

I recommend that you accept the records listed under W5358 for transfer under Delegated Authority.