



**WAIKATO RAUPATU CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT  
COMMENCEMENT ORDER 1997**

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MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 25th day of August 1997

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 1 (2) of the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes the following order.

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ORDER

**1. Title**—This order may be cited as the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act Commencement Order 1997.

**2. Commencement of section 26 (2) of Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995**—Section 26 (2) of the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995 comes into force on 28 August 1997.

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order brings into force, on 28 August 1997, section 26 (2) of the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995. That subsection deems the Waitangi Tribunal to have made a final recommendation under section 8HB (1) (a) of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 that the whole of the Onewhero forest land be returned to Maori ownership, subject to any relevant Crown forestry licence, by being transferred to the land holding trustee. That subsection also applies the provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, the Crown Forests Act 1989 (other than section 36 (1) (b)), and the Crown Forestry Rental Trust deed. The principal effect of bringing section 26 (2) of the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995 into force is to require the Crown to return Onewhero Forest to Maori ownership, subject to any relevant Crown forestry licence.

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This order is administered in the Ministry of Justice.