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This is the document marked "A" referred to in the annexed declaration of Karen Kenrick made at Napier this 18th day of December 1991 before me:



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THE RULES OF NETWORK WAITANGI (INCORPORATED)

1. The name of the Association is: NETWORK WAITANGI
(INCORPORATED)

2. The aim of the Association is:
To provide a network for groups and individuals who are working towards a society based on the Treaty of Waitangi and who are actively supporting Tino Rangatiratanga.

Focused on Pakeha responsibility, the Network is open to all tangata whenua, people from Pacific Island nations and other Tuiwi who share this aim.

3. Working Objectives:
To actively keep information flowing between these groups and individuals.

Organise an annual meeting to provide support, training and accountability for these groups and individuals.

Develop resources and ensure their distribution.

Raise and respond collectively to Treaty issues at a national level.

Undertake any other activities consistent with the Aim and Objectives.

4. Membership:
 - (i) Membership shall be open to groups which acknowledge and promote the aim and objectives of the Association.
 - (ii) Network Waitangi is an Association of these groups.
 - (iii) Groups shall be admitted to the Association at an Annual General Meeting.
 - (iv) Associate membership is open to individuals.
 - (v) The membership of any member may be terminated by the decision of an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting if it is agreed that the member is acting in a manner prejudicial to the interests or reputation of Network Waitangi.

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5. Annual Subscription and Financial Year:

- (i) Members shall pay an annual membership fee which shall be set by the group representatives at a General Meeting.
- (ii) The financial year of the Association is from July 1 to June 30.
- (iii) Groups may resign from the Association by written notice.

6. Meetings of the Association:

- (i) At the Annual General Meeting of the Association among other business which it may be called on to consider, the Convenor and Treasurer will be elected and there will be presented an audited financial statement of the Association made up as at the end of the preceding financial year.
- (ii) All meetings of the Association will be convened with not less than one month's notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting. The Convenor will notify members and groups in writing.

Each Annual General Meeting shall be held within fifteen months of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) Any three member groups have the right to require the Convenor to call a Special General Meeting with one month's notice.
- (iv) Any decisions required between Annual General Meetings may be made by post, fax or telephone in consultation with all member groups who can be readily contacted.

7. Procedure at Meetings:

- (i) Any members of groups of the Network and associate members may attend Association meetings.
- (ii) At all meetings of the Association all members present and associate members shall have the right to speak.

- (iii) Decisions at all meetings shall be by consensus when possible except where specifically provided for in these rules.

The facilitator of the meeting shall ensure that all consensus decisions are read to the members present for their approval, then recorded in the Minute Book.

If a consensus substantive decision is not achieved, the meeting shall then decide on the best procedure for making that decision; if that procedure cannot be agreed upon by consensus, then the substantive decision shall be made by majority vote.

8. Quorum:

- (i) At all General Meetings of the Association, representatives of half the members being present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum being present, the meeting shall consult with all member groups who can be readily contacted by telephone. Such decisions shall be postponed for 24 hours to allow local consultation and feedback.

- (ii) Any person/s employed by the Association shall not be entitled to vote on matters in which they have a pecuniary interest.

9. Office Holders:

- (i) The Convenor shall give notice of General Meetings and ensure that a record is kept and distributed to all Members and Associate Members.
- (ii) The Treasurer shall ensure that usual and proper books of accounts and other records of business are kept, and shall prepare and submit to the Annual Meeting a report, balance sheet and audited statement of accounts for the preceding year and shall also ensure that the financial affairs of the Association are in order and can be passed on to a successor without complications.
- (iii) A Convenor and/or Treasurer may be removed from office where there is evidence of malpractice.

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10. Common Seal:

The Association shall adopt a common seal and the Treasurer shall have custody of it. The common seal shall only be used pursuant to a resolution of the Association and every document to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by the Convenor and countersigned by the Treasurer and by some other person appointed by the Association for the purpose.

11. Control and Use of Funds:

- (i) The Annual General Meeting shall nominate a person to issue receipts for all monies received by or on behalf of the Association which shall forthwith be paid to the credit of the Association in an account or accounts with such co-operative, bank or savings bank as the Association may from time to time decide. All cheques or withdrawal slips drawn on the account shall be signed by the nominated person and countersigned by one of two further members of the Association nominated at the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) The funds of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aim and objectives of the Association and not directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any members of the Association.
- (iii) In the pursuit of these objectives the Association may employ person/s on such terms and conditions as it may determine.
- (iv) At each Annual General Meeting a decision shall be made to share an equitable amount of funding with one or more Maori groups in accordance with the aim and objectives of the Association.

12. Investment of Funds:

The Association may, from time to time, invest and re-invest in such securities and upon such terms as it shall think fit, the whole or any part of its funds which shall not be required for the immediate purposes of the Association.

13. Disposition of Surplus Assets:

In the event of the Association being wound up, the surplus assets, after payment of the Association's liabilities and the expenses of the winding up, shall be disposed of as a bare majority of its members may decide.

14. Alteration of Rules:

- (i) These rules may be altered, added to or rescinded by the members of the Association present at a General Meeting of which one month's notice has been given.
- (ii) Every such notice shall set forth the purport and wording of the proposed alteration, addition or rescission/deletion.
- (iii) Duplicate copies of any alteration, addition or rescission/deletion shall forthwith be delivered to the Registrar in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

15. Rules of Procedure:

The Association may from time to time by consensus decision make, amend or rescind rules not inconsistent with these rules governing procedure at their meetings.

16. Location of Office:

The office of the Association shall be situated at the Trade Union Centre, 84 Munro Street, Napier or at such other place for the time being as shall be decided by a General Meeting.

