

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LEGAL WATER FORUM

A forum to explore the rights of Indigenous peoples to be involved in the governance of freshwater

Monday 27th July 2009
University of Otago Stadium Centre Wellington
Westpac Stadium, Wellington

9.00-9.10am	Welcome from the Chair: Justice Joe Williams of the High Court and past Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court and Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal
9.10am-10.15am	<i>Setting the scene</i> Hon Pita Sharples, Minister of Maori Affairs Sacha McMeeking , General Manager of Strategy and Influence at Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu, " <i>Navigating the National Landscape</i> "
10.15am –10.45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10.45am-11.45am	<i>Historical and present rights</i> Tom Bennion , barrister sole, editor of Maori Law Review, and specialist in environmental law and Treaty of Waitangi claims, " <i>Maori rights to water: an historical overview</i> " Kathy Ertel , principal of Kathy Ertel & Co, and specialist in Treaty of Waitangi litigation and administrative law, " <i>Customary property rights in water and the Treaty of Waitangi</i> "
11.45am-11.50am	<i>Break</i>
11.50am-1.00pm	<i>Gazing outwards: International law and North America</i> Law Professor Bradford Morse , University of Ottawa, Canada, " <i>Indigenous Peoples and Water Rights: A Canadian Perspective</i> " Dr Robert Joseph , law lecturer, University of Waikato, " <i>Indigenous water issues in North America</i> "

1.00pm-1.50pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.50pm-3.00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our neighbours: Australia</i></p> <p>Steven Ross, coordinator of the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations, Australia, <i>“Cultural flows in the Murray River”</i></p> <p>Law Professor Lee Godden and Director of the Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental law, University of Melbourne, Australia, <i>“Indigenous Property Rights to Water: Environmental Flows, Cultural Values and Tradeable Property Rights in Australia”</i></p>
3.00pm-3.30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.30pm-4.30pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Possibilities of new agreements, new rights</i></p> <p>Linda Te Aho, senior law lecturer, University of Waikato and member of the Guardians Establishment Committee created under the Waikato River Agreement in Principle, <i>“Negotiating co-management of the Waikato River”</i></p> <p>Jacinta Ruru, senior law lecturer, University of Otago and Coordinator of Otago’s Research Cluster for Natural Resources Law, <i>“The common law doctrine of native title possibilities”</i></p>
4.30pm	Chair’s closing words