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Profile

An experienced expert witness with fifteen years experience with research, analysis and the presentation of historical and contemporary evidence.

Extensive knowledge of land titles related research and applied historical/contemporary Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Highlights

- Extensive experience with the oral and written presentation of evidence.
- Specialised knowledge and experience with land titles research.
- Extensive experience with the research of the acquisition of Māori land for scenery preservation purposes.
- Extensive research skills and knowledge of research methodology.
- Extensive experience producing reports written for a range of readership.
- Cross-examination experience.
- Project management and research planning experience.
- Public speaking experience, including professional conferences.
- Experience in the field of land analysis with Geographic Information Systems. Experience with analysis of past landscapes and the quantification of ecological changes over time using GIS.
- Intermediate level Te Reo Māori.

Work experience

Research Analyst, Waitangi Tribunal Unit, Ministry of Justice (May 2017 –)

Research Analyst/ Inquiry Facilitator, Waitangi Tribunal Unit (2009 – 2017)

Selected skills:

- Cross-examination experience presenting judicially commissioned research.
- Appeared as an expert witness before a standing commission of inquiry.
- Experience completing high quality research reports in a timely manner.
- Experience coaching colleagues and supervising research projects.
- Experience with the drafting of advice, briefings and memoranda.
- Experience with the proof-reading and QA processes.
- Experience in complex project planning and management.
- Experience preparing memoranda on complex issues for Judicial Officers.
- Experience in infographics and information presentations, particularly mapping and MS Powerpoint/pdf slideshows.
- Quantitative analysis and research into land titles and land alienation.
- Qualitative report writing and analysis.
- Software skills including ESRI Geographical Information Systems [GIS].
- Experience in representations of historical and contemporary natural and anthropomorphic landscapes in Geographic Information Systems.

Contract Researcher, Waitangi Tribunal & Crown Forestry Rental Trust (2002-9)

Selected skills:

- Produced research reports for a wide range of readership.
- Research presentation skills.

Research assistant, Parliamentary Service (2000, part-time)

- Experience drafting questions for Ministers.
- Gained skills in researching policy and providing basic policy advice.

Qualifications

Master of Arts History (Massey University)

Bachelor of Arts History (Victoria University)

Post-Graduate Geographic Information Systems (Massey University) - ongoing

Research project paper; 'Investigating methodologies for creating Geographic Information System (GIS) data relating to the extinguishment of Māori customary title,' January 2015.

Evidence –Waitangi Tribunal

Wai 894 Te Urewera inquiry

'Report on Tenure Changes Affecting Waikaremoana "Purchase Reserves" in the Urewera Inquiry', Waitangi Tribunal, 2003

Evidence subject to written questions. Qualitative and quantitative evidence including the analysis of Māori land titles over time.

Wai 863 Wairarapa ki Tararua inquiry

'Te Karaitiana Te Korou Report', Waitangi Tribunal, 2003 (co-commissioned)

Evidence presented and cross-examined before Waitangi Tribunal. Qualitative evidence focusing on the rangatira Te Karaitiana Te Korou.

Wai 903 Whanganui inquiry

'Whanganui and National Park Alienation Study', Waitangi Tribunal, 2004 (co-commissioned)

Evidence presented and cross-examined twice before Waitangi Tribunal for Wai 903 and Wai 1130 inquiries. Quantitative evidence analysing Māori land titles over time.

'Maori Population Trends in the Whanganui Inquiry District 1880-1945: A Scoping Exercise', scoping report, Waitangi Tribunal, 2006.

A demographic study of Māori population trends within the Whanganui inquiry district. The evidence included the interpretation and presentation of demographic and geographic data.

'Whanganui Gap-Filling Narratives', Waitangi Tribunal, 2004

Evidence included narrative texts and quantitative analysis of Māori land holdings over time.

Wai 898 Te Rohe Potae inquiry

‘Alienation of Maori Land within Te Rohe Potae Inquiry District: 1840-2010’, Waitangi Tribunal, 2010 (co-commissioned)

Evidence presented and cross-examined. GIS based quantitative analysis of Māori land holdings over time.

‘Te Rohe Potae Crown Purchase Deed Document Bank’, Waitangi Tribunal, 2013
A digital collection of purchase deed documents, research methodology and summary.

‘Te Akau D Alienation History’, Waitangi Tribunal, 2011 (co-commissioned)

Evidence presented and cross-examined before the Waitangi Tribunal. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of the Māori land partition Te Akau D and subsequent partitions over time. The evidence included GIS land analysis.

‘Alienation of Maori Granted Lands within Te Rohe Potae Parish Extension 1863 – 2011’, Waitangi Tribunal, 2011

Evidence presented and cross-examined before the Waitangi Tribunal. The evidence included GIS land analysis and quantitative and qualitative text and tables relating to Māori lands within the southern part of the Waikato confiscation area. Follow up evidence included analysis of church grants within the same area.

Wai 1040 Te Paparahi o te Raki inquiry

‘Northland Crown Purchase Deeds, 1840-1865’, Crown Forestry Rental Trust, 2006

Evidence not subject to cross-examination or presented to hearing. The evidence included Te Reo Māori transcriptions and transcriptions of contemporary English language translations of purchase deeds. The evidence was collated, summarised and indexed.

‘The History of Mangataraire, Rangaunu, Tapapanui, Toukauri, Wiroa and Whakataha 1-3 blocks, 1865-2015’, Waitangi Tribunal, 2016

Evidence subject to written questions. The evidence included narrative texts, GIS analysis and qualitative analysis of the history of certain Māori lands within the Bay of Islands area. The research included a comparative analysis of modern Māori Land Court titles comparative to Land Transfer Act titles held by Land Information New Zealand.

Wai 2180 Taihape inquiry

‘Māori Land Retention and Alienation within Taihape Inquiry District 1840-2013’, Report commissioned by Waitangi Tribunal, 2014

Evidence presented April 2018. Evidence included GIS analysis, including land quality analysis.

Evidence -District Court

R v Iti, Rotorua District Court January 2006.

Evidence presented and subject to cross-examination. Appeared as an expert witness for the defence. The evidence concerned the Māori customary use of firearms.

Evidence -Environment Court

Innes v Hutt City Council W011/2003 [2003] NZEnvC 41 (14 February 2003)

Evidence presented to the court, but not subject to cross-examination. Evidence included a presentation on the control and management of possum pests on private land.

Publications

Māori with Guns: Armed Māori and the Early Settler Parliament, Chapter 2 in
Danny Keenan (ed) *Terror in Our Midst?: Searching for Terrorism in Aotearoa New Zealand*, Huia Publishers, Wellington, 2008

Thesis

Arms control in New Zealand, 1854-1861 : a thesis presented in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in History at Massey University, 2005.

Historical Geographic Information Systems GIS Research Paper

Investigating methodologies for creating Geographic Information System (GIS) data relating to the extinguishment of Māori customary title, paper presented in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the post-graduate diploma in Geographic Information Systems, Massey University, January 2015.

Selected additional training

Machinery of Government, Dr Ryan Malone

Project Management, The Framework

Health and Safety Representative Certificate Stage 1

Workplace First Aid, First Aid Certificate

Certificate in General Rescue and Emergency Management

Advanced driving certificate level 1, National Advanced Driving School

Additional specialised skills

Māori land alienation research/quantification research

Land Titles Research

Current and historical Māori Land Court title records research

Current and historical Land Transfer Act or Torrens title research

Crown Grant/Deeds Register research

Current and historical land cadastral survey research

Experience in the comparative analysis of Māori Land Court and Land Information New Zealand records

GIS mapping and visualisation

GIS aerial photography analysis –current and historical

GIS datasets –titles/boundaries, rivers, land cover/vegetation, land capability, slope

GIS rasters –maps, plans, raster analysis

GIS Land Use Capability analysis (Landcare Research data)

GIS Land Cover analysis (Landcare Research data)

GIS Soil analysis (Landcare Research data)

GIS Slope analysis (Landcare Research data)

GIS Legal access analysis (LINZ cadastral and topographic data, aerial photography)

GIS Forestry analysis (LINZ & Landcare Research data)

GIS Digital elevation analysis (LINZ data)

Referees

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