

Statement for the misinformed and uninformed.

Kia ora,

My name is Hazel Williams (nee Kelly), and as the appointed spokesperson for the 'Kelly Tawio Tamati' whanau, I thought it time to speak-out.

We are the descendants of the union between Whiripo Tawio Tamati, (also known as Rangimoko, Te Tumu, and Tumuaki) son of Tawio of Waimahana /
AND

Maria, daughter and first born of Paeara of Taemaro Bay.
They were our Great Grandparents, and we feel we belong to both Hapu Marae.

I am the niece of the late Aunty Martha Tawio Cash, and a first cousin to the late Edward Erihe Emery--Teddy.
Teddy's mother--Ripeka Tawio Emery and my mother--Hoana Tawio Kelly were Aunty Martha's older sisters; all three were sisters to Tamati Tawio Tamati, (Uncle Tame).

I mention Aunty Martha's and Teddy's names, because they are names which have been bandied about for a number of years by Pita Pangari, at Hui, in documents written by him and on the N.K.K.W. web site. We find it offensive that Pita would use members of our departed whanau repeatedly to boost his mana amongst you. He is not related to us in any way,--in fact Pita does not whakapapa back in our Iwi blood-line.

Aunty Martha, Teddy, my sister Mei and I attended the 1985 Hui held at Teachers' Training College Marae in Epsom. During a break in discussions Aunty Lena joined us outside, and showed great concern for Pita's emotional health, pleading with us to give him our support and encouragement, we all tried, mainly to help Aunty Lena. However with Aunty Martha's Teddy's and Mei's passing, Pita's direction has changed, they would not have supported what has occurred since--mainly the division of our people, and the lack of consultation with our Kaumatua. I believe Pita's greed for power and status within our Iwi is at the root of all our problems. His following a path without consulting Kaumatua and beneficiaries is typical of Pita's arrogance. He has turned our whanau encouragement into an embarrassment, and we withdrew all our support some years ago.

Pita has made statements like:-

'I was the one chosen by Aunty Martha and Uncle Teddy to lead my people'.

'I am the one chosen to lead our claim.'

I challenge these statements.

Those of you who remember Aunty Martha and cousin Teddy, will also know how strong and knowledgeable they were in Tikanga Maori and our Iwi history. They would never have acknowledged nor given such authority to some--one who does not whakapapa back in our Hapu blood-line.

Teddy Emery would never have placed the mantle or cloak of leadership on the shoulders of an outsider--someone who does not belong, Pita.

The 'Kelly Tawio Tamati' whanau request Pita Pangari refrain from all further use of the names of our recently departed whanau.

Maria Roka Richards (nee Emery), has given me permission to add her name to this statement.



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