

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

## Māori Purposes Bill

### *Proposed amendments*

Pita Paraone, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 9*

In *clause 9*, heading to *new section 26* (page 15, line 12), replace “may” with “will”.

In *clause 9*, *new section 26(2)* (page 15, line 17), replace “may” with “will”.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 9*, *new section 26*, to remove potential for ambiguity involving the role of the Māori Land Court in determining who is a lineal descendant of Wi Pere. As the drafting stands, the use of “may” potentially creates a situation where the Māori Land Court may refuse to make a determination after the trust board has reached an impasse. By substituting “may” with “will”, it clarifies that the Māori Land Court is the arbiter given *new section 26(3)* states that the court’s primary objective is to give effect to the Māori Purposes (Wi Pere Trust) Act 1991.