**In the District Court**

**at North Shore**

In the matter of the Electoral Act 1993

and in the matter of an application by Hone Pani Tamati Waka Nene Harawira of Kaitaia, former Member of Parliament, for an order that a recount of electorate votes in the Te Tai Tokerau electoral district be conducted

Date of decision: 9 October 2014

**DECISION OF JUDGE T J BROADMORE**

**OUTCOME OF JUDICIAL RECOUNT – TE TAI TOKERAU ELECTORAL DISTRICT**

I announce the outcome of the recount of candidate votes in the Te Tai Tokerau electoral district sought by Mr Hone Harawira, a candidate for election in that district.

The recount has resulted in a minor variation in the official declaration of results on 4 October 2014 of the outcome. I will record the details in a schedule to the formal written decision to be issued in the next day or two, but the overall outcome is as follows:

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| **Candidates** | **Party** | **Official Result** | **Recount Result** |
| DAVIS, Kelvin | LABOUR | 9,710 | 9,712 |
| DEARLOVE, Clinton | INDEPENDENT | 451 | 454 |
| HARAWIRA, Hone | MANA MOVEMENT | 8,971 | 8,969 |
| PAENGA, Te Hira | MAORI | 2,565 | 2,579 |
| **Candidate Informals** |  | 437 | 418 |
| **TOTAL** |  | 22,134 | 22,132 |

By this decision I direct the Electoral Commission to file an amended declaration of the result of the poll in the Te Tai Tokerau electoral district.

Within the next few days I will issue an expanded version of this decision setting out details of the way in which the recount was undertaken.

I will issue a further judgment to record matters coming to my attention during the recount, of concern to the parties, but not affecting the result. Interested parties may wish to pursue those concerns through other channels.

I take the opportunity to record the skill and professionalism displayed during the recount by the Returning Officer and her team, the assistance I received from the Chief Electoral Officer and the Commission’s legal adviser, and the positive, co-operative, and collegial manner in which representatives of the parties approached the recount and interacted with me.

TJ Broadmore

District Court Judge