IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NAURU

Civil Jurisdiction

Land Appeal No. 7 of 1972

EIKARA

Appellant

VS.

EIGORIEDU DENEA

Respondent

Application for leave to appeal out of time against the decision of the Nauru Lands Committee.

16th June, 1972 at 2.01 p.m.

In Court

Before Mr. Justice I. R. Thompson, Chief Justice

For Applicant:

For Respondent: --

Applicant:

In person.

Respondent:

Court:

Why did you not appeal at the proper time?

Applicant:

I was not aware of what was happening.

Court:

Did you ever go to the Nauru Lands Committee?

Applicant:

No.

Court:

Why not?

Applicant:

I was not summoned.

Court;

Why did you not go?

Applicant:

I did not know at what time they usually held

their meetings.

ORDER:

The applicant made no attempt to bring this matter before the Nauru Lands Committee. She claims to be the sole beneficiary of Denea. Denea died six to seven years ago.

The applicant knew when he died and, if she had a good claim, should have proved it then. It is too late now for her suddenly to take an interest in the matter so long after the estate of Denea was determined.

Application dismissed.

I. R. THOMPSON

16th June, 1972.

CHIEF JUSTICE