

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2575

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER REGARDING EXTENSION REQUESTS FOR CLAIMANT SUBMISSIONS

14 March 2017

Introduction

- 1. On 21 December 2016 claimants and claimant counsel were directed to file submissions on the following matters:
 - a) Which claimants wish to have their health grievances heard in the Tribunal inquiry; including any questions of eligibility;
 - b) What principal issues the claimants wish to bring;
 - c) Whether the claimants and the Crown are ready to proceed;
 - d) Whether there are matters that should have priority;
 - e) Whether any other organisations wish to participate as interested parties and on what basis;
 - f) What existing evidence is likely to be available and what additional evidence from the claimants, expert witnesses and technical research may be required; and,
 - g) What inquiry process the Tribunal should adopt in preparing the evidence, setting the issues, and hearing and reporting on the claims.
- 2. These submissions were to be filed by midday, Monday 13 March 2017 (Wai 2575, #2.5.2).

Submissions received

3. We have now received 53 submissions from claimants and claimant counsel. I direct the Registrar to place these on the Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry (Wai 2575) record of inquiry and distribute them to all parties.

Requests for filing extensions

- 4. Counsel for the claimants for Wai 2060, a claim by Hinemoa Apetera on behalf of herself, her whanau, and the hapu of Te Parawhau and Ngati Hau, has submitted an amended statement of claim. He seeks leave to file a submission on the matters set out above by the end of Friday 17 March 2017. Leave is hereby granted. Counsel is directed to file by 5 pm, Friday 17 March 2017.
- 5. Olly Ohlson, named claimant for Wai 1654, seeks leave to make a submission on the matters set out above. His claim was not included in the initial list of claims attached to the initial memorandum-directions and so he was only made aware of the inquiry and the filing date on 8 March. Leave is hereby granted for the claimant or his counsel to file a submission on the above matters by 5 pm, Friday 24 March 2017.
- 6. Dr Lindsey Te Ata o Tu MacDonald, claimant for Wai 2237, the Māori Health Disparities (MacDonald) claim, was also only recently made aware of the inquiry and filing date. Leave is hereby granted for the claimant or his counsel to also file submissions on the above matters by 5 pm, Friday 24 March 2017.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 2575, the Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry.

DATED at Hamilton this 14th day of March 2017

Judge Stephen Clark Presiding Officer

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