BEFORE THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL WAI 2575

IN THE MATTER OF	The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
AND	
IN THE MATTER OF	The Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR THE CROWN SEEKING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS CONCERNING PREPARATORY MATTERS

23 March 2017

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MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:

1. The Tribunal directed claimants wishing to participate in this inquiry to file submissions on a number of preparatory matters by 13 March 2017.[i] The Crown was directed to file submissions in response by 3 April 2017.[ii] The submissions are to be the focus of a judicial conference in May 2017.

2. The Crown respectfully seeks an extension of ten working days, to 17 April 2017, to file the Crown submissions in response.

3. The request is made on the following grounds:

   3.1 A large volume of claimant submissions have been filed.

   3.2 The Tribunal has granted extensions to a number of claimants, including two extensions until 24 March 2017.[iii]

   3.3 The Tribunal's registry has yet to place the claimants' submissions on the record of inquiry and distribute them, which means the Crown cannot be certain at this stage that it has received all the submissions filed.

   3.4 The Crown wishes to file high quality, helpful, and informative submissions in response to the claimant's submissions and preferably with reference to document numbers assigned by the registry. An extension will facilitate this objective without undue prejudice to any parties.

23 March 2017

GL Melvin
Crown Counsel

TO: The Registrar, Waitangi Tribunal
AND TO: Claimant Counsel

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i Memorandum-Directions of the Presiding Officer regarding next steps in inquiry, 21 December 2017, Wai 2575, #2.5.2 at [14]-[17].
ii Wai 2575, #2.5.2, at [18].
iii Memorandum-Directions of the Presiding Officer regarding extension requests for claimant submissions, 14 March 2017, Wai 2575, #2.5.3.