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**The Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry**

1. Hāpai Te Hauora (**Hāpai**) wishes to be involved in the Waitangi Tribunal Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry (**Inquiry**) as an interested party.

2. As per Judge Clarke's directions on 21 December 2016, this submission provides a brief background on Hāpai, the extent to which it wishes to participate in the Inquiry and the evidence it is able to make available.

**Hāpai Te Hauora**

3. The Mission of Hāpai is "*to increase opportunities for Māori to enjoy good health and to be sustained by healthy environments*".

4. To that end, Hāpai oversees a number of initiatives in relation to tobacco control, Māori public health leadership (alcohol harm reduction, well child, nutrition and physical activity) and gambling harm minimisation. For the purposes of the Inquiry, our work in tobacco control is of particular relevance.

5. The Hāpai National Tobacco Advocacy Service (**NTAS**) is working towards a smokefree New Zealand by 2025. It is doing so by facilitating engagement and action between communities, government, non-government, media and academic organisations.

6. Tobacco use amongst Māori is a particular focus of NTAS, being proportionally higher than in the general population. Hāpai seeks to have smoking rates for Māori decrease exponentially, and receives funding from the government to support its efforts in that regard.

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**The Inquiry**

7. Hāpai understand that the Inquiry intends to address health-related grievances that have been raised in claims before the Tribunal, as well as general systemic health issues facing Māori. As is evident in the Minute issued 30 November 2016, smoking, as a "*particular cause of ill-health amongst Māori*"[1] will be a key consideration for the Inquiry.

8. Accordingly, as a national leader in Māori health and tobacco use, Hāpai wishes to be involved in any discussions related to tobacco in the course of the Inquiry. Hāpai understands that doing so as an "interested party" is appropriate, as it does not have a contemporary Treaty of Waitangi claim before the Tribunal.

9. Hāpai respectfully requests to be involved in matters related to tobacco use to the same extent as a claimant, including participating in discussions and adducing evidence.

10. Hāpai has produced, and has access to, a substantial research base, that it considers will be of significant benefit to the Inquiry if produced as evidence.

**Readiness to proceed**

11. Hāpai is ready to proceed. I will be the primary contact. My details are provided at the top of this letter.

12. Hāpai would greatly appreciate confirmation that it is able to participate in the Inquiry as an interested party, to the extent outlined above.

Nāku noa, na

Zoe Hawke
General Manager, National Tobacco Control Advocacy Service
Hapāi Te Hauora

[1] Paragraph [9].