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IN THE MATTER OF the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

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IN THE MATTER OF the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry

AND Louisa Te Matekino Collier, on behalf of herself and various Whānau and Hapū members

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MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ADVISING OF WITNESS UNAVAILABILITY

1 February 2021

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MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:

1. This Memorandum of Counsel ("MoC"):

a. is filed on behalf of Louisa Te Matekino Collier, on behalf of herself and various Whānau and Hapū members; and

b. advises that Ms Collier cannot attend as a witness for the first Tūāpapa Hearing in this Inquiry, taking place in Kerikeri from the 3rd to the 5th of November 2021 ("the Northland Hearing").

2. Ms Collier is currently scheduled to appear in the Northland Hearing as a witness with Ms Anne Davies, during the fourth session on Thursday the 4th of February 2021.

3. Unfortunately, Ms Collier and Ms Davies will no longer be able to present as witnesses at the Northland Hearing, due to a worsening of Ms Collier's persisting medical condition and under the advice of her doctor. Ms Collier's doctor has also advised against her providing evidence via Audio Visual Link.

4. Counsel apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, and suggests that the time can be allotted to other witnesses.

5. Ms Collier may wish to present her evidence at a later Tūāpapa Hearing Week, should the opportunity arise. However, Counsel recognises the tight scheduling of these initial hearings.

Dated: 1 February 2021

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