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CFRT Update on Research Programme in Wai 1750 North Eastern Bay of Plenty Inquiry

1. In February 2021 the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (the **Trust**) informed the Waitangi Tribunal and parties in the Wai 1750 North Eastern Bay of Plenty Inquiry (the **Inquiry**) that Trustees approved funding for research projects for Phase Two of the Research Programme in the Inquiry (Wai 1750, #6.2.9).
2. The funding was approved for the following reports and associated activities:
 - Public Works in the North Eastern Bay of Plenty District;
 - Twentieth Century Land Legislation and its Impacts (excluding Public Works);
 - Local Government and Rating Issues in the North Eastern Bay of Plenty District; and
 - Environmental Impacts in the North Eastern Bay of Plenty District.
3. The Trust is now ready to commence the commissioning process for the first three research reports listed in paragraph two. This process and the approximate timing of each of its stages are listed in the following table:

Stage of Process	Consultation	Approximate Timing
<p>Draft Project Briefs</p> <p>These are instructions to the contractor setting out the objectives and tasks for each project</p>	<p>Draft Project Briefs are distributed to Approved Clients, other claimants, and Waitangi Tribunal staff for feedback and comment.</p>	<p>This is typically a three-week consultation period.</p>
<p>Tendering</p> <p>The Trust must tender all technical overview research projects.</p>	<p>The Trust will invite and assess tenders and select preferred providers.</p> <p>The Trust will circulate the CVs of preferred providers to claimants.</p>	<p>Trust staff anticipate circulating preferred provider CVs within five weeks of calling for tenders.</p> <p>This will be a two-week consultation period.</p>

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Contracting of Researchers	Trust staff will distribute to Approved Clients and claimants: confirmed research providers, final project briefs, and milestone dates for each project.	Trust staff expect to conclude contract negotiations with successful tenderers within two weeks of preferred provider feedback coming in.
Introductory Research Hui	Hui are arranged to introduce research providers to the claimant community.	Trust staff anticipate that the introductory research hui will be held within two weeks of the commencement of the commissioned Phase Two research projects.

4. The Trust intends to commence the first stage of the process (consultation of draft project briefs) by 12 April 2021.

Environmental Impacts Research

5. Before commissioning the Environmental Impacts in the North Eastern Bay of Plenty District research project, the Trust will commission a scoping report on environmental claims issues in the Inquiry. The findings of the scoping report will assist the Trust, Approved Clients, claimants, and Waitangi Tribunal to identify and define key claims issues relating to environmental impacts. These findings will then inform what is required for commissioning the substantive Environmental Impacts research report.
6. The Trust expects to commission the scoping report shortly. The Trust will distribute the draft scoping report to the Waitangi Tribunal, Approved Clients, and claimants for feedback and comment before the scoping report is finalised and filed on the Record of Inquiry. The Trust anticipates that the scoping report can be completed within a two to three-month period.
7. Once the scoping report has been finalised and filed on the Record of Inquiry, the Trust will advise the Waitangi Tribunal and parties in the Inquiry on the next steps regarding the commissioning of the substantive Environmental Impacts research report.
8. If you have any questions in relation to this update, please contact Evald Subasic at evald.subasic@cfrt.org.nz or 027 318 2252.

Nāku noa, nā





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Chief Executive

