IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2700

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER CONFIRMING THE TAKAPOU WHĀRIKI AS A RESEARCH PROJECT

3 June 2022

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1. On 16 February 2022, I convened a hui to discuss this Tribunal's proposal to incorporate the takapou whāriki into the inquiry as a commissioned research project. These memorandum-directions record memoranda and submissions received and confirm next steps for the takapou whāriki.

Background

2. On 15 December 2021, this Tribunal released a discussion paper proposing that the takapou whāriki proceed in the inquiry as a commissioned research project (Wai 2700, #2.5.65 & #6.2.2). Parties were invited to consider the contents of the proposal and provide feedback by way of submission by 21 January 2022.

3. On 21 January 2022, the following memoranda were received:

    (a) Matewai Tukapua and Sarah Gwynn on behalf of the Crown (Wai 2700, #3.1.552).

    (b) Dr Bryan Gilling, Rosaria Bull and Juliet Harrison on behalf of the Whangaroa Lands and Fisheries (Wai 58) claim, the Ngāti Kauwhata ki te Tonga Surplus Lands (Wai 972) claim, the Ngāti Rua (Wood, Smith and Wood) (Wai 1661) claim, the Ngāti Ruamahue Hapū Lands and Taonga (Wai 2389) claim, and the Mana Wāhine (Te Whata) (Wai 2922) claim (Wai 2700, #3.1.559).

    (c) Season-Mary Downs, Majka Cherrington and Jessica Hita on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine (Wai 682) and Te Kapotai (Wai 1464/1546) claimants (Wai 2700, #3.1.560).

4. On 21 January 2022, I granted a blanket extension to file submissions on the proposal regarding the takapou whāriki by 4 February 2022 (Wai 2700, #2.5.66 at [13]).

5. On 4 February 2022, the below memoranda were received:

    (a) Donna Hall and Odette Ford-Brierley on behalf of the Mana Wāhine (Durie) (Wai 2925) claim, the Mana Wāhine (Rewiti) (Wai 2930) claim, and the Mana Wāhine (Hoet) (Wai 3029) claim (Wai 2700, #3.1.562).

    (b) Natalie Coates, Tara Hauraki and Joanna Judge on behalf of the Māori Women's (Wai 381 – Rīpeka Evans and Papaarangi Reid) claim and Te Tai Tokerau Mana Wāhine (Reid & Evans) (Wai 2260) claim (Wai 2700, #3.1.563).

6. On 8 February 2022, the below memoranda were received:

    (a) Stephanie Roughton and Katherine Alty on behalf of the Ngāti Tai Lands (Cotter-Williams) (Wai 2063) claim, the Te Mahurehure (Egen) Lands (Wai 2005) claim, the Ngāti Tara (Gabel) (Wai 1886) claim, the Housing (Wikotu) (Wai 2743) claim, the Land Alienation and Wards of the State (Harris) (Wai 1531) claim, the Waimiha River Eel Fisheries (King Country) (Wai 762) claim, the Emma Gibbs Smith and Whānau (Bay of Islands) (Wai 1477) claim, the Kathleen Ngahui Mardon (Ngāti Hine, Ngāpuhi) (Wai 1488) claim, the Tongariro Power Development Scheme Lands (Wai 1196) claim, the Ngāti Pakahi (Aldridge) (Wai 2377) claim, the Tutamoe Pā (Wai 1968) claim, the Maunga Kawakawa Block (Wai 1957) claim, the Mana Wāhine (Rogers) (Wai 2869) claim, the Horowhenua Block (Wai 237) claim, the Mental Health Services (Taylor) (Wai 2729) claim, the Mana Wāhine (Cliffe) (Wai 2863) claim, the Tahawai

(b) (Aldridge) (Wai 2382) claim, the Mana Wāhine (Walker) (Wai 2818) claim, and the Mana Wāhine (Williams) (Wai 2838) claim (Wai 2700, #3.1.564).

(c) Amy Chestnutt, Alisha Castle and Lucy Tothill on behalf of the Māori Women's (Wai 381 - Dame Aroha Reriti-Crofts) claim (Wai 2700, #3.1.566).

7. Oral submissions and a discussion on the matter were recorded, transcribed and placed on the Record of Inquiry for Wai 2700, the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry as document Wai 2700, #4.1.9.

Decision

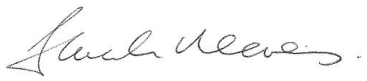
8. Takapou Whāriki will proceed in this inquiry as a Tribunal commissioned research project. I note overall that parties were in support of the kaupapa of Takapou Whāriki, and submissions focused on the practicalities of the research and use of content.

9. Tribunal staff have begun drafting a project brief that will go out to parties for consultation and feedback in due course. Concerns raised in submissions regarding purpose and scope, methodology, participation, review and consent, and evidential status will be addressed by the project brief.

10. I wish to thank parties for engaging in this discussion and contributing to the development of Takapou Whāriki in this inquiry.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 2700, the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry.

DATED at Wellington on this 3 day of June 2022.



Judge S F Reeves
Presiding Officer
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