

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2800

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the inquiry into Remaining
Historical Claims: Southern
North Island and South Island
Claims

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF CHIEF JUDGE ISAAC GRANTING
EXTENSIONS FOR FILING CLAIMANT FEEDBACK ON CLAIM
ASSESSMENTS**

20 September 2022

Extension requests to comment on claim assessments

1. On 7 August 2022, I released claim assessments for the five claims in the inquiry into Remaining Historical Claims: Southern North Island and South Island Claims (Wai 2800) (Wai 2800, #2.5.9):
 - (a) Descendants of Priscilla Muriwai Dennison (Wai 2236) claim (Wai 2800, #6.2.1);
 - (b) Geary Whānau Middle Island Half-Castes Crown Grants Act 1877 Lands (Wai 2324) claim (Wai 2800, #6.2.2);
 - (c) Ngāti Rangatahi kei Rangitīkei (Wai 1623) claim (Wai 2800, #6.2.3);
 - (d) SILNA Estate Crown Forests Amendment Act 1992 (Te Aika) (Wai 2163) claim (Wai 2800, #6.2.4); and
 - (e) The Southern Forests (Wai 158) claim (Wai 2800, #6.2.5).
2. I invited claimants to submit their feedback on these assessments by 20 September 2022, and for the Crown to submit in reply by 18 October 2022 (Wai 2800, #2.5.9 at [9]).
3. The Tribunal has received several extension requests as outlined below.

Wai 158 extension request

4. On 16 September 2022, Dr Bryan Gilling and Evangeline Coffey, on behalf of the Wai 158 claimants, sought an extension to file feedback on the claim assessments by 11 October 2022 (Wai 2800, #3.1.20).
5. Counsel advised that the Wai 158 claimants had not received the claim assessments and relevant Tribunal directions, which were circulated on the Wai 2800 inquiry distribution list. As they are now in possession of the relevant documents, counsel accordingly seek further time to review, inform and seek instructions from the Wai 158 claimants, to provide a considered response to the assessments.
6. Counsel submitted that, if the leave sought is not granted, the claimants, 'through no fault of their own, [would] be severely prejudiced in their ability to present submissions and information to the Tribunal after waiting since the late 1980s to do so'.
7. Counsel added they support the Crown being granted leave to file its response at an appropriate interval following the receipt of Wai 158 claimant feedback.

Wai 1623 extension request

8. On 16 September 2022, Donna Hall and Lyndon Rogers, on behalf of the Wai 1623 claimants, sought an extension to file claimant feedback on the assessments by 18 October 2022. Counsel advised that the Wai 1623 claimants are still confirming their feedback and submitted that additional time would enable the claimants to refine the areas of inquiry into their claim (Wai 2800, #3.1.21).

Wai 2324 and Wai 2236 extension request

9. On 19 September 2022, Eve Rongo, on behalf of the Wai 2324 and Wai 2236 claimants, advised they supported the request for an extension by Wai 1623 as the Wai 2324 and

Wai 2236 claimants are still reviewing the documentation and collating their feedback (Wai 2800, #3.1.22).

10. Counsel acknowledged that, if the extension was granted, the Crown would require additional time suggesting the date of 15 November 2022 for a Crown reply.

Decision

11. I have considered these requests and grant a blanket extension for all claimant feedback to be submitted by **5pm, Tuesday 18 October 2022**. The Crown is accordingly directed to submit in reply by **5pm, Tuesday 15 November 2022**.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 2800, the Inquiry into Remaining Historical Claims: Southern North Island and South Island Claims.

DATED at Gisborne this 20th day of September 2022



Chief Judge W W Isaac
Presiding Officer

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