IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 3218

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND an application for an urgent hearing by Matthew Te Pou on behalf of himself and Te Waimana whānau who are being denied housing

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

1. In memorandum-directions dated 8 November 2022, the applicant was directed to file a response to the Crown memorandum requesting a five-week extension by 15 November 2022 (Wai 3218, #2.5.5).

Memorandum for the applicant

2. The same day, the Tribunal received a memorandum from counsel for the applicant stating that they do not agree with the extension, and instead, seek an adjournment of one week (Wai 3218, #3.1.6).

3. While counsel agree that the extensions to date have enabled discussions to take place between parties, they note that the matter of urgency still remains. Fifteen Te Waimana whānau remain in desperate need of houses that have not yet received commitment from Ministers and officials.

4. Counsel advise that the applicant has had favourable meetings with the Ministry for Housing and Urban Development and Te Puni Kōkiri, but this cannot be said for the Ministry of Social Development. Counsel note that the applicant may look favourably at a further adjournment if the 15 houses are committed to by the Crown.

5. Counsel therefore seek a judicial direction to adjourn the application for urgent hearing for one week to enable the applicant and Ministry of Social Development to meet. Counsel note that the application runs the risk of being further adjourned in the absence of clear direction.

Memorandum for the Crown

6. On 10 November 2022, counsel for the Crown filed a memorandum in response to the applicant's memorandum (Wai 3218, #3.1.7).

7. Counsel note that they are still taking instructions but can indicate that the Crown wishes to respond to the applicant's memorandum. Accordingly, they seek leave to file this response by 15 November 2022.

Direction

8. I grant leave for the Crown to file in response to the applicant's memorandum. The Crown is directed to file their memorandum in response by **midday, Tuesday 15 November 2022.**

9. The applicant is also directed to file a memorandum that provides an update on discussions with the Crown and informs the Tribunal whether an adjournment is sought by **midday, Friday 18 November 2022**.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 3218, Te Waimana Housing claim.

DATED at Gisborne this 14th day of November 2022

Chief Judge Isaac
Chairperson
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL