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 of 6 December 2022, I granted leave for the Crown to report back on the two proposed hui for the first week of December and the progress of matters in the claim by 16 December 2022 (Wai 3218, #2.5.7).

Memorandum for the Crown

2. On 16 December 2022, the Tribunal received an updating memorandum of counsel for the Crown (Wai 3218, #3.1.10). On 7 December 2022, officials met with the applicant and relevant whānau in Whakatāne to discuss the issues in the claim. A further hui was conducted over AVL on 14 December 2022.

3. Counsel also attached a letter dated 15 December 2022 from the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and Te Puni Kōkiri to the claimant which sets out the current progress of matters relating to the subject of claim and the proposed next steps (Wai 3218, #3.1.10(a)). Counsel file this letter due to the recent media attention in relation to this kaupapa.

4. Counsel advise that Crown officials are ready to assist relevant whānau in relation to emergency housing matter and intend to make further contact regarding broader housing issues in the new year, as noted in the letter to the applicant (Wai 3218, 3.1.10 at [4] & #3.1.10(a)).

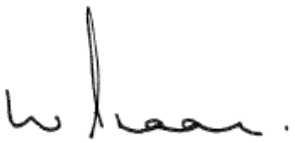
5. Counsel therefore suggest that it would be appropriate to report back to the Tribunal by the end of January 2023.

Decision

6. In light of this, I direct the Crown to file a memorandum updating the Tribunal of any further progress by **midday, Tuesday 31 January 2023.**

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

DATED at Wellington this 23rd day of December 2022



Chief Judge Isaac
Chairperson
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL