

**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

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**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTING A  
PRESIDING OFFICER AND ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

12 September 2023

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1. On 6 September 2015, the then Chairperson, Chief Judge Isaac, initiated the Inquiry into Remaining Historical Claims: Southern North Island and South Island (Standing Panel Inquiry). The standing panel is tasked with inquiring into certain claims that are not included in the recognised mandates of groups in Treaty settlement negotiations and have remaining historical grievances that have not previously been heard or settled and are not being heard in current Tribunal inquiries (Wai 2800, #2.5.1).
2. In the initiating memorandum-directions, the Chairperson was appointed as the presiding officer (Wai 2800, #2.5.1). On 8 March 2019, Dr Monty Soutar and Dr Robyn Anderson were appointed to the panel (Wai 2800, #2.5.3).
3. On 30 April 2023, Judge Isaac reached the statutory retirement age for Māori Land Court Judges, resulting in the end of his term as Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal. The consequence of his retirement meant that under clause 1 of schedule 2 to the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (Act), he could remain as presiding officer of an inquiry if the proceedings before that inquiry were heard or at least part heard, that is where hearings had commenced or been completed.
4. Given the current preliminary interlocutory stage of this inquiry with no hearings having commenced, Judge Isaac's tenure as presiding officer of this inquiry panel ceased when he retired from office. It now falls upon me to appoint a presiding officer.
5. Given the above, pursuant to clauses 5AA and 5(1)(a)(ii) of schedule two to the Act, I appoint Judge Terena Wara as presiding officer of the Inquiry into Remaining Historical Claims (Wai 2800).
6. To assist Judge Wara and the current members, I consider it appropriate to make two further additions to the inquiry panel. Accordingly, pursuant to clause 5(1)(b) of schedule two to the Act, I appoint Ron Crosby and Kevin Prime as panel members of the Inquiry into Remaining Historical Claims (Wai 2800).

The Registrar is to send this direction to Judge Terena Wara, Dr Robyn Anderson, Dr Monty Soutar, Ron Crosby, Kevin Prime and Judge Isaac, as well as all those on the notification list for Wai 2800, the Inquiry into Remaining Historical Claims: Southern North Island and South Island Claims.

**DATED** at Hamilton this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023



Chief Judge Caren Fox  
Chairperson

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