

TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Wai 3327

E PĀ ANA KI
CONCERNING

te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

Ā,Te Reo i te Kāwanatanga Ruku
Tātari Ohotata / Te Reo in the
Public Sector Urgent Inquiry

HE PĀNUI WHAKAHĀU O TE TUMUAKI PAKIREHUA2 Paengawhāwhā 2024

Interested Party Request

1. On 26 March 2024, the Tribunal received a memorandum of counsel on behalf of Doreen Puru, Anna Kahukura Hotere, the late Louie Katene, Emma Torckler and William Puru (claimants of the Puru, Torckler and Katene Whānau (Wai 1684) claim) on behalf of themselves, Te Hoia, Ngāti Rangimatamoemoe and Ngāti Rangimatakaka. The claimants seek leave to participate in Wai 3327, the Te Reo in the Public Sector Urgent Inquiry, as an interested party (Wai 3327, #3.1.10).
2. The claimants support the applicants for the urgent inquiry and submit that the Crown's policies relating to the use of te reo Māori in the public sector raise alarm for them, in particular, the Crown policies that public service departments would have their primary name in English and that public servants are required to primarily communicate in English (Wai 3327, #3.1.10 at [18]–[19]).
3. The claimants are also concerned about the lack of engagement with Māori in respect of the rollback of policies relating to te reo Māori, including the Crown's complete disregard of its own engagement framework. The claimants submit that their whānau and hapū are actively trying to undo the effects of colonisation on their taonga, and therefore the degradation of te reo Māori sought by the Coalition Government is both extremely disrespectful and a direct threat to their identity as tangata whenua and the survival of their hapū (Wai 3327, #3.1.10 at [20]–[21]).
4. The claimants seek to file submissions and evidence, avoiding any duplication with other parties, while still providing the claimants' unique perspective. Ms Doreen Puru on behalf of the claimants has provided a written statement alongside the memorandum of counsel to this effect (Wai 3327, #3.1.10 at [23] & #A1).

Decision

5. I am satisfied that Doreen Puru, Anna Kahukura Hotere, the late Louie Katene, Emma Torckler and William Puru meet the requirements set out in section 4A of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 as having an interest in these proceedings apart from any interest in common with the public.
6. The request for interested party status is granted.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 3327, Te Reo i te Kāwanatanga Ruku Tātari Ohotata.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the distribution list for Wai 3327, the Te Reo in the Public Sector Urgent Inquiry.

WHAKAPŪMAUTIA ki Whangārei i te 2 o te Paengawhāwhā 2024



Kaiwhakawā Te Kani Williams
Tumuaki Pakirehua

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