

Appendix C: Summary of written submissions received regarding hearing locations and venues for stage three of the National Freshwater and Geothermal Resources Inquiry (Wai 2358) (by date order)

Counsel and party represented	ROI reference	Summary of submissions
Siaosi Loa and Bayan Basharati , on behalf of the Tongariro Power Development Scheme Lands (Wai 1196), Kerikeri Inlet and Lake Omapere Waterways (Mitchell) (Wai 1716), the Ngāti Pakahi (Aldridge) (Wai 2377), Waimiha River Eel Fisheries (King Country) (Wai 762), and Ngāi Tahu Settlement (Waitaha ki te Waipounamu) (Wai 2460) claims	#3.2.551	Counsel advises that the Wai 1716, Wai 2377 and Wai 2460 claimants prefer that hearings two and three be held in Wellington, while the Wai 762 and Wai 1196 claimants prefer that hearings two and three are held in Rotorua [2]–[3].
Richard Fowler KC and Matthew Smith , on behalf of the New Zealand Māori Council	#3.2.552	Counsel advises that the New Zealand Māori Council prefers that hearing two be held in Taupō (specifically, at Wairakei), and hearing three in Rotorua [2]. Counsel suggests that hearing venues are identified ‘after and in light of the Tribunal’s decision in hearing week locations’ due to differing views evident among inquiry participants [3].
Tania Waikato and Tyler Paki , on behalf of Tauhara North No. 2 Trust	#3.2.553	Counsel advises that the Trust prefers to provide evidence at hearing two [which was then scheduled for 9–13 September 2023] and that the hearing be held in Rotorua [2].
Tim Stephens and Grace Seeley , on behalf of the Crown	#3.2.549	Counsel advises the Crown will abide the Tribunal’s decision on locations and venues for hearing weeks two and three and has no submissions or suggestions arising [2].
Karen Feint KC and Hansaka Ranaweera , on behalf of Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa	#3.2.550	Counsel reiterates that Ngāti Tūwharetoa respectfully wish to extend an invitation to host the Tribunal for hearing two [12]. Counsel submit that hearing two should be held in Te Puku o Te Ika, and hearing three in Rotorua [12]. They further submit that Ngāti Tūwharetoa’s preference is for hearing two to be split between venues in Te Hikuwai (Taupō) and venues in Te Mātāpuna (Tūrangi, Tokaanu, Waihi) [14]. Counsel submit there are ‘significant geothermal taonga at either end of Taupō

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		<p>Moana’, and that a hearing at these locations would ‘enable the hapū to be heard on their tūrangawaewae’ [14].</p> <p>In terms of venue, counsel advise the claimants intend to hold the hearing at a marae, but have yet to determine which marae would host. They advise that arrangements would need to be further investigated if the Tribunal accepts the invitation to be hosted by Ngāti Tūwharetoa [14].</p>
<p>Richard Fowler KC and Matthew Smith, on behalf of the New Zealand Māori Council</p>	<p>#3.2.564</p>	<p>Counsel for the New Zealand Māori Council reiterates that it ‘supports hearing week 2 being hosted by Tūwharetoa in Taupō / Tūrangi, if the Tribunal accepts that invitation’ [2(b)].</p>
<p>Tania Waikato and Tyler Paki, on behalf of the Tauhara North No.2 Trust</p>	<p>#3.2.563</p>	<p>Counsel advises that the Tauhara North No.2 Trust (the Trust) consents to hearing two being hosted by Ngāti Tūwharetoa in Taupō / Tūrangi, should the Tribunal accept the invitation. Counsel further advises that the Trust prefers to present its evidence in hearing two, following the witnesses for Ngāti Tūwharetoa [2].</p>
<p>Tara Hauraki and Tyler Paki, on behalf of the Tūaropaki Trust</p>	<p>#3.2.568</p>	<p>Counsel file no submissions as to hearing location or venue but requests that ‘any evidence from the [Tūaropaki] Trust is provided at hearing week two or three following the witnesses for Tūwharetoa’ [9(c)].</p>
<p>Mark McGhie, on behalf of the Ngāti Ruakopiri Waimarino Block Alienation (Wai 1072) claim</p>	<p>#3.2.567</p>	<p>Counsel advises that the Wai 1072 claimants support the proposal for hearing two to be held at Taupō/Tūrangi, and support the timetabling proposals filed by Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Tauhara North No. 2 Trust [3].</p> <p>Counsel states that the Waipahihi 4h Trust’s geothermal interests are located at Taupō and, on this basis, the Wai 1072 claimants would seek to present their evidence at a Taupō hearing week [4].</p>