

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2358

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the National Freshwater and
Geothermal Resources Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER CONCERNING
AGENDA FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 2024 JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**

23 September 2024

26 September 2024 judicial conference

1. On 17 September 2024, the Tribunal received a memorandum of counsel from Karen Feint KC and Hansaka Ranaweera on behalf of the Geothermal Resources (Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Tūwharetoa) claim (Wai 3381), informing the Tribunal that their clients had decided to withdraw from the National Freshwater and Geothermal Resources inquiry (Wai 2358) (Wai 2358, #3.2.636).
2. Counsel advise that their withdrawal consequently means (Wai 2358, #3.2.636 at [6]):
 - (a) Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa (TKNT) will not participate in the Wai 2358 inquiry, but will await the hearing of the Wai 3381 claim;
 - (b) the evidence filed by TKNT in the Wai 2358 inquiry is withdrawn; and
 - (c) the tono for the December hearing week [being hearing two of the stage three inquiry], proposed to be held at Tāpeka Marae, is withdrawn.
3. On 19 September 2024, I confirmed, via e-mail correspondence from the Registrar, that I would convene (via AVL) an online judicial conference, at **10 am, Thursday 26 September 2024**, to discuss forward-planning for hearing two of stage three of this inquiry, in light of TKNT's withdrawal from this inquiry.
4. I also intend to discuss with parties wider planning matters for the remainder of the stage three inquiry.
5. An agenda for the judicial conference is now **attached** as **Appendix A**.

DATED at Gisborne this 23rd day of September 2024



Judge W W Isaac
Presiding Officer

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