

**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

**WAI 3500  
WAI 1795**

**UNDER THE** Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975  
**IN THE MATTER OF** the Identity and Culture Kaupapa Inquiry (Wai 3500)  
**AND** the Wai 1795 Claim by Tawhirimatea Williams on behalf of himself and his whanau and for the benefit of the hapū of Ngāti Ruatakena

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**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION**

**Dated this 13 December 2024**

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1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of Tawhirimatea Williams and the Wai 1795 claim, a claim on behalf of himself and his whānau and for the benefit of the hapū of Ngāti Ruatākena.
2. By Memorandum-Directions ("**the Directions**"), Her Honour Judge Thomas (Wai 3500, 2.5.2), directed parties to provide indications of which claimants wish to participate, and who their spokespersons and/or legal counsel are, by 13 December 2024.
3. The Wai 1795 claim has not been listed in the preliminary list of claims at Appendix A of the Directions. However, counsel advise the Tribunal that we have received instructions from Tawhirimatea Williams to act for him in this inquiry.
4. Counsel are in the process of drafting an Amended Statement of Claim and intend to file it in the early part of next year.

**Dated: 13 December 2024, at Auckland**



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