

**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL
KEI MUA I TE TARAIPUNARA**

WAI 3500

WAI 144

UNDER

**The Treaty of Waitangi Act
1975**

CONCERNING

**The Identity and Culture
kaupapa inquiry**

AND

Ruapani Lands Claim

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL

Dated: 16 December 2024

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KIA WHAKAAE MAI TE TARAIPUNARA

1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of Ruapani Lands Claim, Wai 144.
2. In memorandum-directions dated 11 October 2024, her Honour Judge Thomas directed parties to provide indications of which claimants wished to participate in this inquiry and who their spokesperson and/or legal counsel are.¹
3. Wai 144 wishes to participate in the Identity and Culture Kaupapa Inquiry. An amended statement of claim will be filed shortly on their behalf including submissions with respect to eligibility of their claim to participate in this inquiry.

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¹ Wai 3500 #2.5.2, at [5].