

APPENDIX 'A'

WAI 3325 – The Climate Change Priority Inquiry

Hearing 1 Answers to Questions on #A6 from the Crown

Responses from Jennifer Takuta-Moses

See Tribunal direction Wai 3325 #2.6.1 of 16 December 2024

1. The questions posed by the Crown pertain to the processes and policies governing local and central authorities. The evidence I provided in Hearing One was drawn from my personal experience as a member of the Wairoa community during the flooding event of June 2024, and the subsequent impact it had on both myself and the community.
2. I am not an expert on flood-risk management; rather, as an active participant in the community who witnessed firsthand the shortcomings in the response to the disaster. Regardless of whether the local councils hold responsibility for flood-risk management, their response was insufficient and as a result cost the community they govern greatly.
3. As acknowledged by the Crown, the Bush Review specifically highlights the lack of preparedness. My evidence illustrates a local instance of the impact of climate change, in an event that neither local nor regional Councils, nor central Government bodies, had anticipated or adequately prepared for. While steps have been taken since June 2024 to address the failures in managing the emergency, it remains uncertain whether the plans and policies currently being implemented will prove effective.
4. Given that my evidence is grounded in my personal experience of the disaster, I am not able to comment on whether I agree or disagree with the subsequent developments or actions taken.

