WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 111

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Te Raupo Railway Lands claim

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 111 an amended statement of claim received on 27 November 2024 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to add further allegations to the claim concerning natural resources and environmental management. These allegations include the Crown's breach of the Treaty of Waitangi by:

- ignoring Māori ownership and governance rights over freshwater, waterways, whenua and the natural environment;
- enacting a legal regime concerning control and management of environmental resources which fails to allow for the claimants to exercise their rangatiratanga in a meaningful and tika way;
- allowing the natural environment to be subject to pollution, over-extraction and degradation;
- prioritising commercial and private interests under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), allowing for consents for activities that harm the environment and disregard Māori kaitiakitanga;
- failing to meaningfully incorporate Māori governance and customary rights into the RMA perpetuates the alienation of taonga; and
- enacting the Fast-Track Approvals proposal which will exacerbate Crown breaches by limiting opportunities for consultation and exempting projects from environmental protections.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 111, the Te Raupo Railway Lands claim as document #1.1(a).

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to the claimants and give notice of the amendment to those on the notification list for:

- Wai 111, the Te Raupo Railway Lands claim; and
- Wai 3450, the Natural Resources and Environmental Management Kaupapa Inquiry.

DATED at Wellington this 26th day of March 2025

Judge Sarah Reeves
Deputy Chairperson
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