

**TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

Wai 3500

**E PĀ ANA KI**  
CONCERNING

te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**Ā,**  
AND

te Ruku Tātari ā-Kaupapa mō  
Identity and Culture

*the Identity and Culture Kaupapa  
Inquiry*

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**HE PĀNUI WHAKAHAU NĀ TE MANA WHAKAHAERE**

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER REGARDING THE  
SCHEDULE FOR THE HUI WHAKATUWHERA

30 Mei 2025

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## Kupu Whakataki

1. Mā tēnei manatu-whakahau e whakaū ngā whakaritenga mō te Hui Whakatuwhera (opening event) kia tīmatahia te Ruku Tātari o Identity and Culture (Wai 3500).

## Whakataunga Horopaki

### *Manatu-whakahau o te rā 4 o Apereira 2025*

2. I te manatu-whakahau i tuhia rā i te 4 o Apereira 2025, i whakaūngia e ahau kia tīmatahia tēnei ruku tātari i tētahi Hui Whakatuwhera ka tū i te 18 – 19 o Hune 2025 (Wai 3500, #2.5.4). I whakaūngia hoki ētahi anō taipitopito, i mua i te tū mai o taua Hui Whakatuwhera, me te inoi ki ngā hunga e haere atu nei, kia tukua ngā RSVP i mua i te rā 26 o Mei 2025, kia pai ai te hāpai i ngā whakaritenga.
3. Ko te aronga o te Hui Whakatuwhera, ko te whai wāhi mai o ngā hunga ki ngā kōrero i te timatanga o te kaupapa kia pai ai tā te panara whakatau i te roherohenga o ngā take me ngā kaupapa matua e tika ana kia noho ki tēnei ruku tātari. Kua **tāpirihia** nei hei **Āpitianga A**, ētahi anō taipitopito mō te aronga pū o te Hui Whakatuwhera.
4. Ko te hiahia o te pānara, ko te rongou atu i ngā whakaaro o ngā hunga ki ēnei, e whai ake nei:
  - (a) He aha tētahi ingoa e tika ana mō tēnei ruku tātari?
  - (b) He aha ō koutou whakaaro, ō koutou whakamāramatanga anō hoki mō te 'identity' ki tēnei ruku tātari?
  - (c) He aha ō koutou whakaaro, ō koutou whakamāramatanga anō hoki mō te 'culture' ki tēnei ruku tātari?
5. Ki te hiahia ngā hunga kia tukua ētahi whakaaro mō ngā take o te wā i puta ake i ngā mahi a te Karauna, me tā te hunga ki ake e tika ana kia tātarihia, e āhei ana rātou ki te tuku kōrero pērā.
6. I taku manatu-whakahau i tuhia rā i te 4 o Apereira 2025, i mea atu ahau ka tukua tētahi wā ki ia rohe, ki ngā rōpū tūmatawhānui raini kia tukua ō rātou whakaaro ki te pānara, me te āki atu ki ngā rōpū kia kōrero tahi, kia whakarite tahi i a rātou anō kia tika ai te wā ki a tō rātou rohe (Wai 3500, #2.5.4 at [30]-[32]).

## Ngā tuinga mō te hau mai a ngā kaikerēme

7. I te rā 26 o Mei 2025, i whiwhi te Tarapiunara i tētahi manatu rōia nā Tāmaki Legal hei māngai mō ētahi kaikerēme e kimi māramatanga ana mō te tūranga o ngā kaikerēme e tae atu ana ki te Hui Whakatuwhera ki Ngāruawāhia, ki te whakarongo noa, ka mutu, te āheinga o aua kaikerēme ki te tū ki tētahi anō taima hei tētahi anō hui ki te tuku i ā rātou kōrero (Wai 3500, #3.1.30). I mea atu rātou, tērā pea mā te whakautu o tēnei inoi e ārahi tā rātou whakatau kia kōrero, kia whakarongo noa ki te Hui Whakatuwhera.
8. E mārama ana ahau ki aua āwangawanga, me taku whakaū i konei, ki te kore tētahi e tae ki te Hui Whakatuwhera, ehara i te mea ka aukatihia te āheinga kia tū ki tētahi anō wā ki roto i te whānuitanga o tēnei kaupapa. Heoi anō ka whakaū ahau i kōnei, kotahi anahe Hui Whakatuwhera, engari he tini anō hui i te roanga ake o te ruku tātari e tūwhera tonu ana ki ngā kaikerēme katoa.

## **E whakaūngia ana ngā whakaritenga**

9. Nā te tuku mai i ngā RSVP i te rā Mane 26 Mei 2025, e āhei ai ahau ki te whakaū i te paeroa, i te whakatakotoranga, i te wā anō hoki ki ia rōpū ki te tuku whakaaro ki te pānara (kua tāpirihia hei **Āpitihanga B**).
10. Ko aku kupu ki ngā rōia, e pai ana ā koutou haere mai ki te hui, heoi anō he wā hirahira tēnei mō ngā tāngata ki te whakamōhio tōtika mai ki te pānara ko wai rātou, he aha hoki ō rātou whakaaro mō ngā take e toru i rārangitia rā (ki [4]). E āki ana te pānara kia noho mai ngā rōia ki te tautoko noa i ā rātou kiritaki e tuku nei i ngā kōrero.
11. Ki te taha o te āhua o te tuku kōrero, kāhore e wātea ana ngā hangarau pērā i te panahiko te aha atu raini, ka mātua pea i te tuku kōrero ā-waha.
12. Kāhore hoki he take o te tuku mai i ētahi tuhinga mō ngā take ka matapakihia ki te Hui Whakatuwhera, heoi anō, ki te hiahia ngā tāngata ki te tuku tuhinga mai i te mutunga o te hui, e pai ana tērā, me tuku mai ki te Taraipiunara i mua i te **5pm i te Paraire 11 Hūrae 2025**.

## Introduction

1. This memorandum-directions confirms the arrangements for the upcoming Hui Whakatuwhera (opening event) to launch the Identity and Culture Kaupapa (Wai 3500) inquiry.

## Background

*Memorandum-directions dated 4 April 2025*

2. In memorandum-directions dated 4 April 2025, I confirmed that this inquiry would commence with a Hui Whakatuwhera, to be held on 18 – 19 June 2025 (Wai 3500, #2.5.4). I also confirmed a number of details ahead of the Hui Whakatuwhera and sought detailed RSVPs from attendees by 26 May 2025, to support the arrangement of the event.
3. The purpose of the Hui Whakatuwhera is to give participants the opportunity to be involved in early discussions that will help the panel to determine the scope of the inquiry and the types of issues that will be heard in this inquiry. I attach as **Appendix A**, further information regarding the purpose of the Hui Whakatuwhera.
4. The panel are seeking to hear from participants, their whakaaro on the following matters:
  - (a) What is an appropriate name for this inquiry?
  - (b) How do we define or understand the concept of 'identity' within the inquiry?
  - (c) How do we define or understand the concept of 'culture' within the inquiry?
5. Should participants also wish to share whakaaro on current issues that have arisen from Crown actions that they say should be inquired in to, they are welcome to do so.
6. In my 4 April 2025 memorandum-directions, I noted that each regional or national grouping would be presented with time to share their whakaaro with the panel and noted that coordination and cooperation between participants within these groupings is encouraged in order to make best use of the time that has been allocated (Wai 3500, #2.5.4 at [30]-[32]).

## Filing regarding claimant participation

7. On 26 May 2025, the Tribunal received a memorandum of counsel from Tāmaki Legal on behalf of a number of claimants seeking clarification regarding the status of claimants that observe or participate at the Hui Whakatuwhera, and whether those claimants that observe the hui in Ngāruawāhia will have the opportunity to participate and present kōrero at a later hui (Wai 3500, #3.1.30). They note that clarification of this issue will likely impact the decisions of those claimants intending to observe the initial Whakatuwhera.
8. I note the concerns raised by counsel, I confirm that the inability to participate in the upcoming Hui Whakatuwhera does not preclude claimant participation in the wider inquiry. I clarify that there will only be one Hui Whakatuwhera, but there will be many other fixtures across the course of the inquiry, in which eligible claimants will be able to participate.

## Confirming arrangements

9. Following the receipt of RSVPs received by Monday 26 May 2025, I am now able to confirm the schedule, order and timing for each of the groupings to present their whakaaro to the panel (attached as **Appendix B**).

10. I advise counsel that while they are invited to attend the event, this is an important opportunity for participants to introduce themselves and speak to the panel directly to share their whakaaro on the three key kaupapa listed (at [4]). The panel encourages counsel to play a supporting role to any clients they may be representing who choose to speak.
11. I advise that presentations should be delivered orally, there will not be facilities to enable powerpoint or other visual presentations.
12. Parties do not need to file any documentation regarding the matters to be discussed at the Hui Whakatuwhera, but should parties wish to do so, they may be submitted after the event proceedings to be received by the Tribunal no later than **5pm Friday 11 July 2025**.

*Mā te Rēhita e tuku tēnei kupu whakahau ki ngā tāngata katoa e noho nei ki te rārangi īmēra o Wai 3500, te Ruku Tātari ā-Kaupapa mō Identity and Culture.*

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 3500, the Identity and Culture Kaupapa Inquiry.

**WHAKAPŪMAUTIA** ki Whanganui-a-Tara i te 30 o Mei 2025



Kaiwhakawā A Thomas  
Te Mana Whakahaere

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