

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 1750

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty
District Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE M J DOOGAN CONFIRMING DATES
AND FILING MILESTONES FOR HEARING FIVE**

1 July 2025

Introduction

1. This memorandum-directions confirms:

- (a) the dates for hearing five of the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry (Wai 1750);
- (b) the technical evidence to be heard at hearing five;
- (c) the filing milestones for hearing five; and
- (d) resourcing for hearings in the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Hearing five confirmation

Hearing five dates, venue and filing milestones

2. I confirm that hearing five will be held from **25 to 29 August 2025** at Kutarere Marae. The pre and post-hearing five filing milestones are **appended**.

Hearing five claimant groups

3. Co-ordinating claimant counsel, Raewyn Clark, has advised that the following claimant groups are available to present evidence at hearing five:

- (a) the Whakatōhea Raupatu (Wai 87) claimants;
- (b) the Turangapikitoi Hapū (Wai 1794) claimants;
- (c) the Descendants of Rangihaerepō (Wai 1827) claimants; and
- (d) the Whakatōhea and Ngāti Muriwai of Ōmarumutu Lands and Resources (McMurtie) (Wai 2160) claimants.

Technical evidence to be heard at hearing five

4. The following technical reports have been confirmed for presentation at hearing five:

- (a) Peter McBurney, 'Ngāti Muriwai Authority Trust Oral and Traditional History' report (Wai 1750, #A33). This report will be led by Michael Sharp, counsel for the Wai 2160 claim.
- (b) Jane Luiten, 'Nineteenth-century Land Alienation and Administration within the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty Part Two: Lands 'a waho'' (Wai 1750, #A25). This report, commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal, will be led by Tribunal-appointed counsel to assist.

Resourcing for hearings in the 2025/26 fiscal year

5. I am now able to confirm that the Wai 1750 inquiry has resourcing for a total of four hearing weeks in the 2025/2026 fiscal year and may be able to hold a fifth week, subject to additional resourcing and panel availability being confirmed.
6. I am minded to hold hearing six before the end of this year, preferably from 17 to 21 November 2025. I intend to hold hearings seven and eight in the first and second quarters of 2026, subject to panel availability. Hearing dates and filing milestones for the upcoming hearings will be confirmed as soon as practicable to provide parties with as much notice as possible.

The Registrar is to send this direction to counsel for the claimants, Crown counsel and all those on the distribution list for Wai 1750, the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry.

DATED at Wellington on this 1st day of July 2025



Judge M J Doogan
Presiding Officer

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