

**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

Wai 3513

**CONCERNING**

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND**

an application for an urgent hearing by John Ruddock on behalf of his whānau and Māori who do not qualify for citizenship by descent

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

1. On 24 July 2025, the Tribunal received a statement of claim (Wai 3513, #1.1.1) and an application for an urgent hearing (Wai 3513, #3.1.1) from John Ruddock on behalf of his whānau and Māori who do not qualify for citizenship by descent. The claim concerns Māori citizenship rights in Aotearoa.
2. I now direct the Crown and any interested parties to respond to the application for an urgent hearing by no later than **midday, Friday 8 August 2025**.
3. I also direct the applicant to file submissions in reply to those of the Crown and interested parties by no later than **midday, Friday 22 August 2025**. This reply is to be confined to reply to what has been said in terms of paragraph [2] above. It is not a further opportunity nor is it proper to replead or repeat the claim. Assertions are not to be made, except on matters raised by the Crown or the opposing parties.
4. Failure to comply may result in the rejection of documents or significant delay in deciding whether or not to grant urgency.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to counsel for the applicant, Crown counsel and those on the notification list for Wai 3513, the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent claim.

**DATED** at Wellington this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025



Judge Sarah Reeves  
Deputy Chairperson

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