WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 113C

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Ngāti Raukawa Lands claim

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 113 an amended statement of claim received on 31 March 2025 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to add further allegations to the claim for Wai 113, claimant group C concerning mana wāhine issues. These allegations include that the Crown has breached te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi by failing to:

- uphold the rights of wāhine Māori to have a voice;
- acknowledge the worth of wāhine Māori rights, by the Crown maintaining an ideology that prioritises certain rights over others;
- address the lack of advocacy for wāhine Māori, which contributes to their continued lack of visibility;
- respect and uphold the rangatiratanga of ngā wāhine o hapū of Raukawa and wāhine Māori generally;
- take into account the principles of te Tiriti when implementing laws and policies that affect wāhine Māori;
- acknowledge wāhine Māori as te Tiriti partners;
- address the underrepresentation of wāhine Māori in positions of power;
- recognise the necessity of wāhine Māori representation in decision-making roles, particularly when laws and policies are being implemented;
- recognise the impact inflicted by colonisation to wāhine Māori and their whānau;
- acknowledge the effects that Western paradigm of patriarchy and sexism had on wāhine Māori through the implementation of laws and policies;
- address the challenges experienced by wāhine Māori in a primarily male-dominated system;
- respect traditional positions of wāhine Māori, who have played an important role in preserving iwi history and knowledge;
- protect the traditional role of wāhine Māori;
- provide accessible services that support the needs of wāhine Māori and their whānau;
- recognise the marginalisation that wāhine Māori face in many Crown processes and provide wāhine Māori input into services to meet their needs and those of their whānau;
- recognise the spiritual and cultural importance of land ownership for wāhine Māori;
- address the impact of Crown policies that have made it difficult for wāhine Māori to maintain land ownership and waterway rights;
- acknowledge how the western system conceptualised wāhine's relationship to the land differently; and
- address the impact of the Native Lands Act 1865 on wāhine Māori rights, specifically tāne and wāhine land ownership of the Wairarapa block, upper Ōtaki river.

The amendment seeks to add a variety of relief.

Amendments to Wai 113

On 3 May 2019, I directed that the claimants who can demonstrate they are named claimants, given that Wai 113 covers a diverse group of hapū, may file separate amended statements of claims, which will be labelled accordingly. Therefore, named claimants may instruct separate counsel as appropriate (Wai 2200, #2.6.54).

On 8 July 2019, I reminded parties that the only person who may file an amended statement of claim is a named claimant and registered three claimant groups to Wai 113, including Wai 113C. I noted that the claimants are to refer to themselves as Wai 113, claimant group A, claimant group B and claimant group C, as set out in the directions (Wai 2200, #2.6.61).

On 6 November 2019, I confirmed a wider list of separate claimant groups within Wai 113. I reminded parties that there should be one comprehensive statement of claim for generic issues, but where there are differences due to hapū priorities these should be clearly stated within this claim (Wai 2200, #2.2.148).

I confirm that claimant groups identified as having mandate with registered named claimants to the Wai 113 claim can amend the claim and participate in inquiries independent of the other claimant groups in respect of their separate priorities.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 113, the Ngāti Raukawa Lands claim, as document #1.1(u).

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 113, the Ngāti Raukawa Lands claim;
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wāhine kaupapa inquiry; and
- Wai 2200, the combined record for the Porirua ki Manawatū district inquiry.

DATED at Wellington this 12th day of August 2025

Chief Judge Dr C L Fox
Chairperson
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