TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Wai 3513

E PĀ ANA KI
CONCERNING

te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

Ā,
AND

an application for urgent inquiry by the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent claim

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HE PĀNUI WHAKAHAU O TE TIAMANA KAIWHAKAWĀ MATUA DR C L FOX

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON CHIEF JUDGE DR C L FOX APPOINTING A PANEL TO DETERMINE THE URGENT APPLICATION

12 Ākuhata 2025

He tono ruku tātari ohotata / Application for urgent hearing

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 generally. The claim concerns the claimant's tamariki who have not been granted citizenship status despite being Māori (Wai 3513, #1.1.1).

2. On 25 July 2025, the Deputy Chairperson directed the Crown and any interested parties to respond to the application for an urgent hearing by 8 August 2025, and directed the applicant to file submissions in reply by 22 August 2025 (Wai 3513, #2.5.1).

3. Pursuant to clause 8(2) of the Second Schedule of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 (the Act), if so directed or given authority by the Chairperson, a presiding officer may deal with matters 'preliminary or incidental to the hearing of any matter by the Tribunal'.[1]

4. Accordingly, pursuant to clause 8(2) of the Second Schedule to the Act, I now direct that the application for urgent inquiry filed by the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent (Wai 3513) claim be referred to the presiding officer and panel as constituted below.

5. Pursuant to clause 5(1)(a)(ii) of the Second Schedule to the Act, I appoint Judge Alana Thomas, a judge of the Māori Land Court, as presiding officer to determine urgency and to hear all matters associated with the claim if urgency is granted.

6. Pursuant to clause 5(1)(b) of the Second Schedule of the Act, I appoint Professor Tafaoimalo Tologata Leilani Tuala-Warren, Ken Williamson, and Professor Emeritus David Williams as members of the Tribunal panel for Wai 3513 to determine the urgent application and to hear all matters associated with the claim if urgency is granted.

7. Next steps for the application will be decided by the panel appointed above in due course.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 3513, the Citizenship (Ruddock) urgent claim.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the distribution list for the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent (Wai 3513) claim.

WHAKAPŪMAUTIA ki te Whanganui-a-Tara i te 12th Ākuhata 2025

Kaiwhakawā Matua Dr C L Fox
Tiamana
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[1] As also considered in *Baker v Waitangi Tribunal* [2014] NZHC 1176 at [28].