

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 3555

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the Waipāoa Remedies Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE STEPHANIE MILROY CONCERNING
THE TRANSFER OF DOCUMENTS AND MAKING A CORRECTION**

1 August 2025

Introduction

1. This memorandum-directions:
 - (a) directs the transfer of a number of documents from other Tribunal records of inquiry; and
 - (b) corrects an error made in 24 July 2025 memorandum-directions (Wai 3555, #2.5.5).

Transfer of documents

Wai 558 and Wai 274/283

2. On 23 July 2024, claims to the Waipāoa blocks made by claimants in the Wai 1750 inquiry were referred to the Chairperson for consideration (Wai 1750, #2.5.8). From then, and up until I granted this inquiry, all memorandum-directions of the Tribunal and submissions received from parties were placed on each individual claims' record. The submissions and directions were subsequently referred to by the Tribunal using the Wai 558 document number.
3. On 6 December 2024, the Tribunal received the application for resumption and accompanying filing from Te Aitanga a Māhaki. This filing was placed on the Wai 274/Wai 283 records of inquiry accordingly.

Wai 1750

4. A number of submissions were made in the Wai 1750 inquiry by claims that were participating in that inquiry. The Tribunal has preliminarily identified the relevant submissions made by the Wai 1750 claimants that assert their interests in Waipāoa. I note that there were many other submissions made in this inquiry to do with the Mangatū CFLL and Waipāoa blocks that were procedural and specific to Wai 1750 which have accordingly not been identified as relevant to this inquiry.

Amended statements of claim

5. In memorandum-directions dated 4 June 2025, I identified 12 claims that have asserted interests in the Waipāoa blocks (Wai 3555, #2.5.2(a)). The Crown has now responded to 9 of these claims (Wai 3555, #1.3.1 – #1.3.8).
6. These amended statements of claim are currently recorded on each individual claims' record.
7. In my memorandum-directions dated 24 July 2025, I identified, per the Crown's submissions, that the Torere (Wai 78) claim requires further particularisation. I also directed counsel for the Whakatōhea and Ngāti Muriwai of Ōmarumutu Lands and Resources (McMurtie) (Wai 2160) and the Mangatū No.1 Block (Wai 499) claims to file submissions clarifying matters to do with their amended statements of claim (Wai 3555, #2.5.5 at [14] – [20]).
8. The relevant amended statements of claim for Wai 78, Wai 2160 and Wai 499 will be added to the Wai 3555 record of inquiry upon receipt of any amended statement of claim for Wai 78, and upon further clarification from Wai 2160 and Wai 499.

Direction

9. I now direct the list of documents that are currently on the records of inquiry I have identified above, and appended as **Appendix A**, to be transferred to the Wai 3555 record of inquiry.
10. If there are any further documents on other Tribunal records that are not on this list that parties believe to be relevant to this inquiry, I invite parties to identify these documents with the relevant document number to the Tribunal by **Friday 15 August 2025**.

Correction of previous memorandum-directions

11. In memorandum-directions dated 24 July 2025, the Te Whānau a Te Rangiwhakataetaea (Wai 995) claim was incorrectly grouped under 'Whakatōhea claimants' (Wai 3555, #2.5.5 at [7](vii)).
12. I correct, for the record, that Te Whānau a Te Rangiwhakataetaea should have been grouped under the 'Tūranga claimants'.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 3555, the Waipāoa Remedies Inquiry.

DATED at Hamilton this 8th day of August 2025



Judge Stephanie Milroy
Presiding Officer

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