TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Wai 3513

E PĀ ANA KI
CONCERNING

te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

Ā,
AND

te ruku tātari ohotata o Citizenship (Ruddock) kēreme

the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent Inquiry

HE MANATU WHAKAHAU NĀ TE MANA WHAKAHAERE

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER REGARDING FINAL TIMETABLE, PARTICIPATION AND OTHER INQUIRY MATTERS

15 Hepetema 2025

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1. This memorandum-direction addresses:

    (a) the release of the final timetable for the hearing of the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent Inquiry (Wai 3513);

    (b) final list of claimants and interested parties participating in the Wai 3513 inquiry; and

    (c) other inquiry and hearing matters.

Final timetable

2. On 1 September 2025 and 10 September 2025, I confirmed the list of witnesses the Tribunal wishes to hear from at the urgent hearing into the Citizenship (Ruddock) (Wai 3513) claim and directed parties to confer and file a draft timetable by 15 September 2025 (Wai 3513, #2.5.5 & #2.5.6 at [16]–[18])).

3. On 15 September 2025, the Tribunal received a memorandum filed by Dr Season-Mary Downs, Chelsea Terei-Tipene, and Tatijana Simon-Larsen on behalf of Tukau Law, Manaia Legal, and the Crown, appending the draft timetable.

4. I now confirm the final timetable which is **appended** as **Appendix A**.

5. I further advise parties that provision has been made for a mihimihi to begin the morning session on Tuesday, 16 September 2025. Te Wehi Wright will speak on behalf of the Tribunal.

Participation

6. On 1 September 2025, I released memorandum-directions with timetabling directions for this inquiry, which included dates for any claimant or interested party evidence and submissions (Wai 3513, #2.5.5).

7. The Tribunal granted, via e-mail from the Registrar, interested party status to the following partes:

    (a) Tukau Law, on behalf of Rewiti Paraone, Erima Henare, Pita Tipene, Waihoroi Shortland for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine on behalf of the descendants of Torongare and Hauhaua (Wai 682), and Te Riwhi Whao Reti, Hau Hereora, Romana Tarau, Karen Herbert, Edward Cook, and Pearl Reti on behalf of Te Kapotai (Wai 1464 & Wai 1546) received on 1 September 2025 (Wai 3513, #3.1.10);

    (b) Oranganui Legal, on behalf of Rāhui Kātene on behalf of Ngāti Koata (Wai 3313), received on 3 September 2025 (Wai 3513, #3.1.6); and

    (c) Woodward Law, on behalf of the New Zealand Māori Council (Wai 3352), received on 4 September 2025 (Wai 3513, #3.1.11).

8. I confirm a list of parties participating in this inquiry **appended** to this direction as **Appendix B.**

9. I now confirm that due to the truncated nature of this inquiry, any further requests for participation in this inquiry will be granted watching brief status only.

Confidentiality

10. There have been several requests for confidentiality in this urgent inquiry. Due the truncated timeframes I reiterate that any requests for confidentiality must be made in accordance with the *Guide to the Practice and Procedure of the Waitangi Tribunal* (2023) 'Appendix F'.

11. Further, due to the truncated timeframes for this inquiry, I direct that any further requests for confidentiality in this inquiry will have the decision regarding confidentially granted or declined via e-mail from the Registrar, and subsequently placed on the respective record for this inquiry.

12. If granted confidentiality, all will be subject to the following directions unless altered or amended by direction of the Tribunal:

    (a) alteration of the confidential status of documents must be sought via memorandum of counsel. Any parties seeking access to these confidential documents must request permission from counsel for the relevant party, and inform the Tribunal accordingly.

    (b) the confidential documents are not to be distributed, copied or shared beyond the parties identified in these directions.

    (c) should parties seek to address or submit any of these documents or details at the upcoming urgent hearing, leave must be sought and granted by the claimant, and notice must be given to the Tribunal.

13. However, should reference to confidential material be necessary for the purpose of this inquiry, the Tribunal will address the management of such material with the relevant counsel and parties.

Other matters

Hardcopies

14. I remind parties that, pursuant to the *Guide to the Practice and Procedure of the Waitangi Tribunal,* any further material filed by parties that is filed after release of these memorandum-directions is to provide for:[1]

    (a) a hardcopy for each Tribunal member;

    (b) two hardcopies for the Tribunal's record of inquiry;

    (c) a hardcopy for each counsel representing parties in this inquiry; and

    (d) electronic versions of the documents, to be served on all other parties on the inquiry distribution list.

[1] Waitangi Tribunal, *Guide to the Practice and Procedure of the Waitangi Tribunal* (2023) at [5.7].

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 Wai 3513, the Citizenship (Ruddock) Urgent claim.

WHAKAPŪMAUTIA ki Pōneke i te 15 o Hepetema 2025

Kaiwhakawā Alana Thomas
Te Mana Whakahaere
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