

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 3060

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

Te Rau o te Tika: the Justice
System Kaupapa Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE C M WAINWRIGHT CANCELLING
COMMISSIONED RESEARCH**

13 November 2025

1. On 19 December 2024, I commissioned Associate Professor Antje Deckert and Professor Valmaine Toki to prepare a report on Māori and Criminal Courts c.2000 to the present for Te Rau o te Tika: the Justice System Kaupapa Inquiry (Wai 3060) (Wai 3060, #2.3.3).
2. In the Research Plan for the criminal justice phase of the inquiry, I noted that legal aid issues would not be addressed, as the issue of how the Crown meets the cost of Māori who engage with the justice system is one that goes beyond that of the criminal justice system (Wai 3060, #2.6.25(a)).
3. As outlined in memorandum-directions of 25 September 2025, I have now decided to report on criminal justice issues separately to issues concerning civil justice (Wai 3060, #2.6.48).
4. Given this change, we will now need to address questions of legal aid in the criminal justice system and therefore in the research programme. To enable this, I have decided to change the scope of the report on criminal courts to include questions around the provision of legal aid for Māori.
5. The original commission is hereby **cancelled**. I will shortly issue memorandum-directions re-commissioning Associate Professor Antje Deckert and Professor Valmaine Toki to undertake the research, including additional questions regarding the provision of legal aid.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 3060, Te Rau o te Tika: the Justice System inquiry.

He kupu ēnei nāku, otirā nā te Pae-Rukutātari nei.

DATED at Wellington this 13th day of November 2025



Judge Carrie Wainwright
Presiding Officer

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