

**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

Wai 762

**CONCERNING**

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND**the Waimiha River Eel Fisheries  
(King Country) claim**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 762 an amended statement of claim received on 11 September 2025 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to further particularise the claim for Wai 762, specifically in relation to the erosion of tino rangatiratanga of wāhine Māori, the exclusion and marginalisation of wāhine Māori in exercising tino rangatiratanga over whenua and te ao tūroa, the Crown failure to actively protect the kaitiaki role of wāhine Māori and the Crown failure to ensure wāhine leadership within Crown governance structures.

The amendment also seeks to add further relief, including recommendations that the Crown:

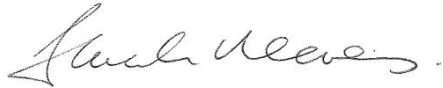
- enacts policy or legislation that embeds Māori wards and constituencies in local government;
- provides opportunities targeted for wāhine Māori to assist them into governance leadership positions;
- strengthens the governing legislation for local government that creates positive obligations for the Crown to meet its te Tiriti obligations;
- establishes policies or strategies aiming to increase Māori participation in local and general elections;
- invests into disaggregated data collection and adequate reporting of wāhine Māori within the Public Service, central government and local government; and
- enacts policy and legislation that use clear language in identifying needs specific to wāhine Māori.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 762, the Waimiha River Eel Fisheries (King Country) claim, as document #1.1(v).

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 762, the Waimiha River Eel Fisheries (King Country) claim; and
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine kaupapa inquiry.

**DATED** at Wellington this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Reeves', with a small flourish at the end.

Judge Sarah Reeves  
Presiding Officer

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