

**TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

Wai 2700

**E PĀ ANA KI**  
*CONCERNING*

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**Ā,**  
*AND*

the Mana Wahine Kaupapa  
Inquiry

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**HE PĀNUI WHAKAHAU O TE KAIWHAKAWĀ REEVES**

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE REEVES REGARDING THE 16  
OCTOBER 2025 JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**

13 Oketopa 2025

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## **Purpose**

1. This memorandum-directions confirms the agenda for the judicial conference scheduled for 16 October 2025 and circulates a preliminary draft of the Tribunal Statement of Issues for the Rangatiratanga Pou for discussion at the judicial conference.

## **Background**

2. In memorandum-directions dated 21 August 2025, and subsequent email sent via the Registrar on 30 September 2025, I confirmed a judicial conference to discuss (Wai 2700, #2.6.7):
  - (a) the whole-of-inquiry plan for the Mana Wahine (Wai 2700) Kaupapa Inquiry;
  - (b) planning matters concerning hearing two; and
  - (c) a draft Tribunal Statement of Issues.

## **The Tribunal Statement of Issues**

3. On 5 August 2025, coordinating counsel filed a draft Statement of Issues (SOI) and an accompanying memorandum noting that the claimants and the Crown were unable to agree on a shared SOI (Wai 2700, #3.2.17 & #1.4.1). The Tribunal received the Crown's submissions on the draft SOI on 6 August 2025, alongside an alternative draft SOI relating solely to the Rangatiratanga Pou (Wai 2700, #3.2.18 & #1.4.2)
4. In memorandum-directions released 21 August 2025, I confirmed that the Tribunal would take over the development of the SOI. In doing so I noted that the Panel would draw on relevant submissions received, the available research and forthcoming particularised claims and Crown responses to form a Tribunal Statement of Issues (TSOI) (Wai 2700, #2.6.7).
5. I confirmed that the Tribunal would first develop a TSOI for the Rangatiratanga Pou, and following hearing two, will develop a further TSOI for the remainder of the inquiry once we have had the benefit of particularised claims.
6. On 30 September 2025, in an email sent via the Registrar, I confirmed that the Panel had been progressing the draft Tribunal Statement of Issues and would circulate an early draft for initial discussion at the 16 October judicial conference.
7. I now release the draft Tribunal Statement of Issues for the Rangatiratanga Pou as document **#1.4.3**. I confirm there will be an opportunity for counsel to make oral submissions at the conference.
8. This draft is still preliminary in nature as the Tribunal has not had the opportunity to consider any matters raised by the Crown through their responses to the particularised claims. The purpose of circulating the draft TSOI now is to generate thought and discussion to enable a faster confirmation process of the TSOI, so that parties may have sufficient time to prepare ahead of hearing two set down for 9 – 13 February 2026.

9. I remind parties that the Tribunal's approach in relation to the TSOI is to focus the hearing of evidence on allegations of breach of the Treaty of Waitangi by the Crown through its acts or omissions in relation to wāhine Māori. It is not intended to capture contextual evidence that was already traversed in the tūāpapa phase.

### **Judicial Conference**

10. I remind parties that the judicial conference on Thursday 16 October 2025 will be held via AVL only.

11. In memorandum-directions dated 21 August 2025, I stated the judicial conference would commence at 9 am (Wai 2700, #2.6.7). I now confirm a new commencement time of **10 am**. I attach as **Appendix A** the timetable and agenda for the judicial conference.

### **Granting of extension request**

12. In memorandum-directions dated 21 August 2025, I directed claimant counsel to file particularised statements of claim by 12 September 2025. The Crown were directed to file any response to these particularised claims by 10 October 2025 (Wai 2700, #2.6.7).

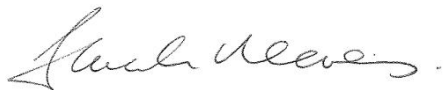
13. On 10 October 2025, the Crown filed a memorandum seeking an extension until 14 October 2025 noting that this would not cause prejudice to parties as the draft TSOI would not yet reflect the Crown's responses to the particularised, as indicated at [8] above (Wai 2700, #3.2.38).

14. On 10 October 2025, I sent an email via the Registrar granting the Crown's request for an extension and directed the Crown to file its responses to amended statements of claim by no later than 5 pm, Tuesday 14 October 2025.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 2700, te Mana Wahine Kaupapa Inquiry.

*The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the distribution list for Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine Kaupapa Inquiry.*

**WHAKAPŪMAUTIA** ki Pōneke te 13 o Oketopa 2025



Kaiwhakawā Sarah Reeves  
Tumuaki Pakirehua

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