

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 3060

WAI 3436

IN THE MATTER OF

the Treaty of Waitangi Act
1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

te Rau o te Tika – the Justice
System Kaupapa Inquiry

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

a claim by Boston Kingz on
behalf of himself, his whanau,
all Māori prisoners, their
communities and those
affected by policies and
practices in the criminal
justice system

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MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:

1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of Boston Kingz, for himself and on behalf of his whanau, hapu and community and all Māori prisoners (“the Claimant”).

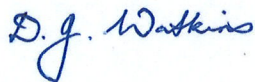
Procedural history

2. In Memorandum-Directions, Her Honour Judge Carrie Wainwright asked Counsel to outline for kaikorero in custody, whether a release date should impact on the planning and presentation of evidence, the name of each kaikorero, what they will speak about and for how long, potential site visit locations and hearings in prison by 8 October 2025.¹
3. Counsel can advise a release date may impact on planning and presentation of evidence; however Mr Kingz remains ready to proceed to hearings when the fixtures are finalised. Mr Kingz will present evidence on:
 - a. a prejudicial parole process for Māori, inadequate support for Māori preparing for parole board hearings resulting in negative parole board outcomes;
 - b. culturally prejudicial processes and practices towards Māori prisoners during periods of bereavement leave – lack of cultural competency and respect for tikanga;
 - c. barriers to a fair and equal justice system including failure to provide Māori prisoners and defendants with the appropriate assistance and resources to fully participate in criminal court proceedings that affect them.
4. Mr Kingz has three additional witnesses giving evidence in support of his claim:

¹ *Waitangi Tribunal*, Memorandum-Directions of the Presiding Officer concerning inquiry planning and fixtures for the 2025/2026 financial year (Wai 3060, 2.6.48)

- a. Mr Phillip John Smith will present evidence on rehabilitation and reintegration programmes failing to address the needs of Māori prisoners, resulting in a cycle of recidivist offending and poor outcomes for Māori.
 - b. Janice Dickson will present evidence on her experiences as a clinical psychologist in the department of corrections, and limitations of the parole board process;
 - c. A witness will provide evidence confidentially in support of Mr Kingz claim.
5. Counsel can advise Mr Smith requests an hour of presentation time. Janice Dickson has indicated that a half an hour time allocation would be adequate for her. Counsel seek leave to update the Tribunal on the time allocation request of the confidential witness and Mr Kingz at a later date and apologise for any inconvenience caused.
6. Mr Kingz has asked that the Tribunal consider a site visit of Manawatu Prison if timing and resourcing allows.

DATED at Kaikohe this 8th Day of October 2025



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