

I TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI  
IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2200  
Wai 1618

**In the Matter** of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**And**

**In the Matter** of the Porirua ki Manawatū District  
Inquiry (Wai 2200)

**And**

**In the Matter** of a claim by Hayden Brinsley Turoa,  
Edward Whatanui Devonshire, Kararaina  
Hemara Kaeana Oldridge, the late Te  
Wera Paratene Haeana Hemara and the  
late Milton Rakei Te Kura Rauhihi, for and  
on behalf of themselves and Ngā Hapū o  
Hīmatangi – being Ngāti Tūranga, Ngāti Te  
Au and Ngāti Rākau (Wai 1618)

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**Memorandum of Counsel Filing Claimant Specific Closing Submissions and  
Seeking Leave to File Out of Time**

**Dated 12 January 2026**

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**TĒNĀ E TE TARAIPUUNARA**  
**MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL**

1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of Ngā Hapū o Himatangi (Claimants).
2. On 1 December 2025, her Honour, Kaiwhakawā Matua Dr C L Fox, directed that closing submissions for the Ngāti Raukawa and Affiliated Groups Phase are to be filed no later than 5.00 pm, 19 December 2025.<sup>1</sup> In an email from the Tribunal Registry team dated 19 December 2025, Her Honour directed that no extensions for filing or amending specific closing submissions in the Ngāti Raukawa and Affiliated Groups phase beyond 13 January 2026 will be granted.<sup>2</sup>
3. Counsel and the Claimants were unable to finalise the claimant specific closing submissions by the 19 December 2025 deadline and have made great efforts to complete the submissions prior to the 13 January 2026 date. Accordingly, Counsel file the joint claimant specific closing submissions on behalf of the Claimants.
4. Counsel apologise for the delay in filing the claimant specific closing submissions, and respectfully seek leave to file the submissions out of time, and for their submissions to be placed on the record.
5. It is submitted that the prejudice accrued as a result of the delay in filing is outweighed by the prejudice that will be experienced by the Claimants should their claimant specific closing submissions not be accepted for filing.

**Dated** at Te-Whanganui-a-Tara on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026



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**R M A Soriano**  
**Counsel for Ngā Hapū o Himatangi**

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<sup>1</sup> Wai 2200, #2.6.307 – Memorandum-Directions (no. 449) of Chief Judge Dr C L Fox Concerning Amended Filing Deadlines for the Ngāti Raukawa and Affiliated Groups Phase and the Forward Programme for the Wider Inquiry Phase

<sup>2</sup> Tribunal Registry Team, *Wai 2200 - Porirua ki Manawatū Inquiry*, dated 19 December 2025, received at 4:44 pm.