

TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Wai 1750

E PĀ ANA KI
CONCERNING

te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

Ā,

te North-Eastern Bay of Plenty
District Inquiry

AND

HE PĀNUI WHAKAHĀU A TE MANA WHAKAHAERE

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER REGARDING WAI 78
NAMED CLAIMANTS**

12 Pēpuere 2026

Issues regarding named claimants of Wai 78

1. On 28 November 2025, I issued memorandum-directions addressing issues concerning a change of named claimants for the Wai 78 claim. The procedural history of this issue is set out in my memorandum-directions dated 28 November 2025 (Wai 1750, #2.6.50).
2. I directed the removal of five named claimants from the claim to be replaced with Lucy Steel and Kaareen Hotereni.
3. I also noted that Ms Ruahine Te Moana would remain as a named claimant of the claim for the time being and, should she become reengaged with the claim, I would consider what further directions may be required.
4. On Wednesday 10 December 2025, the Tribunal received a memorandum from Ms Te Moana responding to my directions (Wai 1750, #3.2.255). She confirmed her intention to remain as named claimant and participate in the claim and requested the Tribunal convene a judicial conference to clarify her role and rights.
5. In memorandum-directions dated 12 December 2025 (Wai 1750, #2.6.51), I directed Ms Rongo, Crown counsel and any other party that wished to respond to file submissions in response no later than midday, Friday 23 January 2026.
6. The Tribunal did not receive any submissions in response to Ms Te Moana's memorandum.

Judicial conference

7. On Friday 30 January 2026, Ms Te Moana filed further correspondence with the Tribunal which included a cultural assessment report she had drafted. I understand that Ms Te Moana does not want this report distributed on our record of inquiry. It is unclear whether she is seeking responses from other individuals within Ngai Tai who are copied into the email, or from the Tribunal.
8. As matters stand, Ms Te Moana remains one of the named claimants for Wai 78, alongside Ms Steel and Ms Hotereni. A further judicial conference is not required at this time.
9. It is neither necessary nor appropriate that I respond to Ms Te Moana's email and report filed on 30 January 2026. I direct registry staff to return Ms Te Moana's report to her.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 1750, *te North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry*.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the distribution list for Wai 1750, the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry.

WHAKAPŪMAUTIA ki Te Whanganui-a-Tara i te rā 12 o Pēpuere 2026.



Kaiwhakawā M J Doogan
Te Mana Whakahaere

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