IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 1750

IN THE MATTER of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER the North Eastern Bay of Plenty inquiry (Wai 1750)

MEMORANDUM OF CO-ORDINATING COUNSEL
RE: HEARING WEEK 8 (23 – 27 MARCH 2026)
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1. This memorandum provides an update regarding the presentation of technical evidence scheduled for Hearing Week 8 (23–27 March 2026).

2. The presentation of the Environmental Issues report[1], commissioned by the Crown Forestry Rental Trust (CFRT) is currently scheduled for presentation during this hearing week.

3. CFRT has recently advised that Dr Vaughan Wood is unable to present the Environmental Issues report during hearing week 8, due to unforeseen medical circumstances. We have not yet managed to confirm the availability of Dr Aroha Spinks, the other principal author, who now lives in Australia. In any case, she would not be able to present the portions of the report authored by Dr Wood.

4. Coordinating counsel, with the assistance of other counsel and CFRT, is currently considering the most appropriate alternative options for the use of the time allocated for Hearing Week 8.

5. Co-ordinating counsel will file a further memorandum of counsel setting out alternative options for the Tribunal's consideration as soon as possible and before the end of this week.

DATED this 27th day of January 2026

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[1] Wai 1750, #A34.