

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 1917

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

ANDthe Descendants of Ngatau
Tangihia claim**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 1917 an amended statement of claim received on 21 October 2025 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to add further allegations to the claim concerning mana wahine. These allegations include that the Crown has breached the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by:

- failing to provide culturally appropriate pathways in its systems responsible for issuing identification documents that enable wāhine Māori to assert and maintain their identity without unnecessary interference, constraint, or invalidation; and
- imposing a regime of 'care' for children which has resulted in severe trauma to tamariki Māori and their mothers, fathers and other whānau as well as an overrepresentation of tamariki Māori forcibly removed and held by the state.

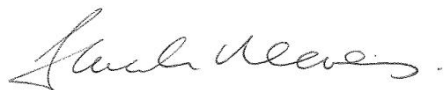
The amendment also seeks to add further relief to the claim, including a recommendation that the Crown fully funds ongoing tikanga Māori-based counselling services for all Māori tamariki, mothers, fathers and other whānau that have suffered the consequences of the state's forced removal of tamariki Māori from their mothers, fathers and wider whānau.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 1917, the Descendants of Ngatau Tangihia claim, as document #1.1.1(c).

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to the claimants and give notice of the amendment to those on the notification list for:

- Wai 1917, the Descendants of Ngatau Tangihia claim; and
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine kaupapa inquiry.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 12th day of March 2026



Judge Sarah Reeves
Presiding Officer

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