

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2930

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the Mana Wahine (Rewiti) claim

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 2930 amended statement of claim received on 27 February 2026 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:

- undermining the traditional whānau structure through promoting and prioritising the nuclear family model;
- placing value only on paid labour and failing to recognise mahi aroha, including child-raising responsibilities;
- disrupting whānau structures through imposing patriarchal norms that normalise violence and disrespect for wāhine and tamariki status as taonga, creating intergenerational trauma;
- failing to rectify the distorted perceptions of mana wahine created through colonisation;
- failing to address disparities of wāhine Māori when compared either to tāne Māori or non-Māori females; and
- failing to address or remedy the disruption of cultural balance between tāne and wāhine.

The amendment also seeks to add further relief to the claim, including recommendations that the Crown:

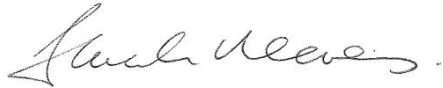
- addresses the stigmatisation of wāhine who are on social welfare;
- recognises the unpaid and voluntary work that wāhine carry out while on the benefit;
- conducts and fully funds more research and development for kaupapa Māori services for family and sexual violence prevention and response;
- apologises for infecting Māori culture and society with normalised violence and sexual violence through its own patriarchal norms and assumptions about women and children; and
- apologises for degrading the status of women as inherently sacred and tamariki as taonga.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 2930, the Mana Wahine (Rewiti) claim, as document #1.1.1(a).

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 2930, the Mana Wahine (Rewiti) claim; and
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine kaupapa inquiry.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 13th day of March 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Reeves".

Judge Sarah Reeves
Presiding Officer

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