

**TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI**

Wai 2700

**E PĀ ANA KI**  
*CONCERNING*

te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**Ā,**  
*AND*

te Mana Wahine Kaupapa  
Inquiry

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**HE PĀNUI WHAKAHAU A TE KAIWHAKAWĀ REEVES**

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE REEVES CONFIRMING  
COUNSEL ASSISTING TRIBUNAL-COMMISSIONED WITNESSES FOR  
HEARINGS TWO AND THREE**

16 Māehe 2026

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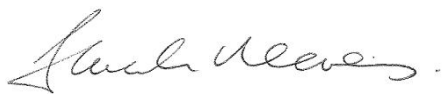
## Counsel to assist Tribunal-commissioned witnesses

1. On 15 December 2026, I confirmed that hearings two and three of the Mana Wahine (Wai 2700) Kaupapa Inquiry will take place from 4–8 May 2026 and 11–15 May 2026, respectively (Wai 2700, #2.6.13 at [10]). At hearings two and three the Tribunal will hear presentations from the following Tribunal-commissioned research reports:
  - (a) Dr Annie Te One, 'Wāhine Rangatira me te Kāwanatanga: Wāhine Māori Access to Decision-Making Roles in the Public Sector from 1990 to 2020', (Wai 2700, #B1), October 2023.
  - (b) Sarsha-Leigh Douglas and Associate Professor Lara Greaves, 'Mana Wāhine i Te Ao Hurihuri: Equities and Disparities in Wellbeing for Wāhine Māori from the 1950s to 2000', (Wai 2700, #B3), April 2024.
  - (c) Associate Professor Rachel Wolfgramm, 'Mana Wāhine Māori i Ngā Wā ō Mua: The impacts of Crown legislation, policy and practices on the rangatiratanga, status and roles of wāhine Māori c.1840-1950', (Wai 2700, #B9), October 2024.
2. On 21 March 2025, I advised that the Tribunal would appoint counsel assist to brief and lead Waitangi Tribunal commissionees at hearing (Wai 2700, #2.5.109 at [57]).
3. I now confirm that Evy Ngawhika, a Deputy Registrar / Legal Advisor of the Waitangi Tribunal, and Horiaana Irwin-Easthope from Whāia Legal will assist and lead the Tribunal-commissioned witnesses for hearings two and three. These witnesses are Dr Annie Te One, Sarsha-Leigh Douglas, Associate Professor Lara Greaves and Associate Professor Rachel Wolfgramm. This assistance is provided pursuant to clause 7A of Schedule 2 of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 2700, te Mana Wahine Kaupapa Inquiry.

*The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine Inquiry.*

**WHAKAPŪMAUTIA** ki Victoria, British Columbia, Canada te 16 o te Māehe 2026



Kaiwhakawā Sarah Reeves  
Tumuaki Pakirehua

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