WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 1464
Wai 1546

CONCERNING	the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
AND	the Te Kapotai and Ngāti Pare Hapū claim
AND	the Waikare Inlet claim

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 1464 and Wai 1546 an amended statement of claim received on 19 November 2025 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to add further allegations to the claim concerning the recent amendments to the Education and Training Act 2020, the New Zealand curriculum – Te Mātaiaho, and the associated legislative and policy changes. These allegations include:

- the failure of the Crown to act consistently with te Tiriti o Waitangi, where Crown entities are no longer considered to be bound by or give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- the inability of the claimants to exercise tino rangatiratanga in respect of legislative and curriculum changes;
- te Tiriti o Waitangi not being implemented in some schools resulting in inequal treatment of tamariki Māori;
- the removal of statutory planning and reporting pathways which eliminate any accountability mechanism for assessing the Crown's performance in meeting its te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations;
- significant harm to the te Tiriti o Waitangi relationship due to the regressive nature of the policy changes; and
- the failure to provide mechanisms to achieve equitable outcomes for Māori who continue to experience systemic bias and entrenched inequity within the education system.

This amendment seeks to add a variety of relief, including the recommendations that the Crown:

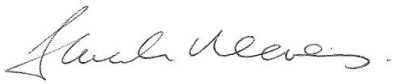
- restore section 127(1)(d) of the Education and Training Act 2020 in full, reinstating the legal requirement that school boards give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi;
- not proceed with, or Gazette, the redesigned New Zealand curriculum;
- pause and work in partnership with Māori to ensure that the New Zealand curriculum gives effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi; and
- work with Māori to restore the Crown Māori relationship in terms of education and ensure that any future law and policy change is done in accordance with the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 1464, the Te Kapoti and Ngāti Pare Hapū claim, as document #1.1.1(z); and Wai 1546, the Waikare Inlet claim, as document #1.1.1(x).

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 1464, the Te Kapoti and Ngāti Pare Hapū claim; and
- Wai 1546, the Waikare Inlet claim.

DATED at Wellington this 19th day of November 2025



Judge Sarah Reeves
Deputy Chairperson
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