

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 3029

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the Mana Wahine (Hoet) claim

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 3029 an 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:

- using the education system as an assimilation tool to channel wāhine Māori into domestic and working-class pathways, undermining their customary roles and status within traditional Māori society;
- failing to ensure wāhine Māori representation in the New Zealand curriculum, further reinforcing a distorted cultural identity for wāhine Māori, and contributing to ongoing disparities in educational achievement and employment outcomes;
- failing to actively provide and promote opportunities for education that positively reinforce the identity of wāhine Māori, in particular for kōtiro Māori;
- failing to address disparities of wāhine Māori, when compared to either tāne Māori or non-Māori females;
- failing to show mutual respect to wāhine through imposition of a hierarchal structure on tāne and wāhine; and
- failing to address or remedy this disruption of cultural balance between tāne and wāhine.

The amendment also seeks to add a variety of relief to the claim, including recommendations that the Crown:

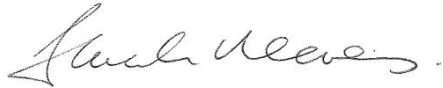
- carries out mandatory reporting on wāhine Māori representation in non-Māori public sector executive roles;
- includes unpaid caregiving and cultural labour within social policy frameworks;
- establishes investment inland-based economic return models for wāhine Māori; and
- amends the education system and New Zealand curriculum to:
 - reflect the histories and experiences of wāhine toa;
 - recognise of traditional status and roles of wāhine Māori; and
 - allow for representation without relying on extramural effort of others.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 3029, the Mana Wahine (Hoet) 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 3029, the Mana Wahine (Hoet) claim; and
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine kaupapa inquiry.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 16th day of March 2026

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

Judge Sarah Reeves
Presiding Officer

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