

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 45

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the Renewed Muriwhenua Land
Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE C M WAINWRIGHT EXTENDING
COMMISSIONED RESEARCH**

27 March 2026

1. On 11 June 2025, Suzanne Woodley, contract historian, was commissioned to prepare Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Three, for the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry (Wai 45). I confirmed that the final report would be filed on 4 May 2026 (Wai 45, #2.947 at [1] and [3]).
2. Suzanne Woodley requires further time to prepare both the draft and final reports.
3. I have considered this request and extend the commission.
4. The commission will now end on **29 September 2026**, at which time one copy of the final report must be submitted to the Registrar for filing in unbound form, together with indexed copies of any supporting documents and transcripts. An electronic copy of the report and supporting documentation should also be provided in PDF format.
5. The Registrar is to send this direction to:
 - (a) Suzanne Woodley;
 - (b) Claimant counsel, Crown counsel, and unrepresented claimants in the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry;
 - (c) Chief Historian, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
 - (d) Principal Research Analysts, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
 - (e) Manager Research Services, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
 - (f) Manager Inquiry Facilitation, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
 - (g) Principal Inquiry Facilitators, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
 - (h) Solicitor General, Crown Law Office;
 - (i) Chief Executive, Te Arawhiti;
 - (j) Chief Executive, Crown Forestry Rental Trust; and
 - (k) Chief Executive, Te Puni Kōkiri;
 - (l) and those on the distribution list for Wai 45, the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry.

DATED at Wānaka this 27th day of March 2026



Judge C M Wainwright
Presiding Officer

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