

**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

Wai 1750

**CONCERNING**

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND**

the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty  
District Inquiry

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**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER RELEASING  
DRAFT TRANSCRIPTS FOR HEARING WEEKS FIVE AND SIX AND THE  
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2025**

23 March 2026

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## Releasing draft transcripts for hearings and judicial conference

1. On Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August 2025, the Waitangi Tribunal convened hearing week five of Wai 1750, the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry, in Ōpōtiki at Kutarere Marae. During this hearing, the Tribunal also convened a judicial conference regarding jurisdictional issues raised by the Crown and future inquiry planning matters on Wednesday 27 August 2025.
2. On Monday 17 November – Friday 21 November 2025, the Waitangi Tribunal convened hearing week six of Wai 1750, the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry, in Ōpōtiki at Kutarere Marae.
3. The draft public transcripts are now available and have been placed on the record of inquiry as below:
  - a) Draft transcript for hearing week five held at Kutarere Marae, Ōpōtiki, Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August 2025, as document Wai 1750, #4.1.22;
  - b) Draft transcript for the judicial conference held at Kutarere Marae, Ōpōtiki, Wednesday 27 August 2025, as document Wai 1750 #4.1.23; and
  - c) Draft transcript for hearing week six, held at Kutarere Marae, Ōpōtiki, Monday 17 November – Friday 21 November 2025, as document Wai 1750, #4.1.24.
4. I now invite parties to correct any inaccuracies such as misspellings, typographical errors and missing words in the above transcripts. This is not an opportunity for parties to change, enhance or comment on the content.
5. Parties are to file any corrections **by no later than 5pm, Monday 13 April 2026**.
6. Any corrections received from parties will be appended to the transcripts and not incorporated into the transcripts themselves.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 1750, the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry.

**DATED** at Ōpōtiki this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026



Judge M J Doogan  
Presiding Officer

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