TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Wai 3553

E PĀ ANA KI *CONCERNING*	te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
Ā, *AND*	te Education and Training Amendment Act and Te Mātaiaho Urgent Inquiry

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HE PĀNUI WHAKAHAU O TE MANA WHAKAHAERE

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER RELEASING THE FINAL TIMETABLE FOR THE URGENT HEARING AND OTHER MATTERS

13 Āpereira 2026

Te Aronga / Purpose

1. This memorandum-directions:

    (a) records the change in venue for the two-day urgent hearing for the Education and Training Amendment Act and Te Mātaiaho (Wai 3553) Urgent Inquiry;

    (b) confirms leave for the Crown to put any questions to claimant witnesses Philippa Tinning and Professor Jodie Hunter in writing (Wai 3553, #3.1.54); and

    (c) releases the final timetable for the urgent hearing.

Change in venue

2. On 13 April 2026, via an email from the Waitangi Tribunal Registrar, I advised parties about the circumstances regarding the change in venue for the urgent hearing.

3. I accordingly confirm that the hearing will now be held from 15 to 17 April 2026, at the **James Cook Hotel, 147 The Terrace, Wellington**. Please see the reception upon arrival for directions to the conference room holding the hearing.

Final timetable

Appearance of Philippa Tinning (#A22) and Professor Jodie Hunter (#A37)

4. On 10 April 2026, counsel for the Ngāti Hine Lands, Forests and Resources (Wai 682) and Te Kapotai and Ngāti Pare Hapū/Waikare Inlet (Wai 1464/Wai 1546) claims, Dr Season-Mary Downs, Chelsea Terei-Tipene and Jessica Hita filed a memorandum advising the Tribunal that witnesses Philippa Tinning and Professor Jodie Hunter are no longer available to present at the urgent hearing (Wai 3553, #3.1.54).

5. Counsel accordingly seek leave for any questions to Ms Tinning and Professor Hunter to be put in writing.

6. I grant the leave sought and direct counsel for the Crown to file any questions in writing for Ms Tinning and Professor Hunter by **5 pm, Thursday 23 April 2026**. I accordingly direct counsel for Ms Tinning and Professor Hunter to file their responses by **5 pm, Thursday 30 April 2026.**

Final timetable

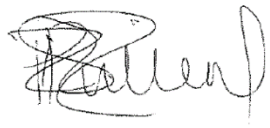
7. On 10 April 2026, counsel for the Wai 682 and Wai 1464/Wai 1546 claims, Dr Downs, Ms Terei-Tipene and Ms Hita, filed the draft timetable for the urgent hearing as directed.

8. I now **attach** as **Appendix A** the final timetable for the urgent hearing.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 3553, the Education and Training Amendment Act and Te Mātaiaho Urgent Inquiry.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the distribution list for Wai 3553, the Education and Training Amendment Act and Te Mātaiaho Urgent Inquiry.

WHAKAPŪMAUTIA ki Kirikiriroa i te 13 o te Āpereira 2026



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