

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 1511

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

ANDthe Ngāi Tamatea Hapū ki
Waiotahe Lands claim**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 1511 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 breached the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by:

- eroding rangatiratanga of wāhine Māori through land alienation and governance structures;
- designing and implementing urbanisation and assimilation policies that have systematically undermined the rangatiratanga, mana and wellbeing of wāhine Māori;
- allowing laws and policies to operate in ways that result in systemic discrimination and bias, barriers to accessing justice, and disproportionate rates of incarceration for wāhine Māori when compared to wāhine Pākehā;
- establishing and maintaining an education system which systematically undermines mana wahine and fails wāhine Māori by failing to adequately prepare wāhine Māori for employment and the benefits of higher paid vocations;
- failing to recognise and support the economic and caregiving contributions of wāhine Māori; and
- failing to protect the health, social and economic status of wāhine Māori, in which poor health outcomes are exacerbated by systemic racism in the health sector.

The claimants should note that this amendment is registered only insofar as it concerns allegations of Treaty breaches by the Crown that have not been settled by the Whakatōhea Claims Settlement Act 2024 or the Iwi and Hapū of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Claims Settlement Act 2018.

Amendments in relation to the rangatiratanga pou

I note that the amendment seeks to amend the claim in relation to the rangatiratanga pou.

The claimants should note that, in accordance with the Tribunal's *Guide to Practice and Procedure*, leave of the Tribunal is required to amend a claim following the deadline for filing particularised statements of claim.

On 15 August 2025, I directed parties participating in the Mana Wahine (Wai 2700) Kaupapa Inquiry to file any remaining particularised statements of claim regarding themes of rangatiratanga by 12 September 2025 (see Wai 2700, #2.5.24(a) for the rangatiratanga pou

themes). I also reminded parties of the above procedure and reiterated the importance of adhering to the inquiry deadlines (Wai 2700, #2.6.6).

The opportunity to further particularise claims in relation to the rangatiratanga pou for the Mana Wahine inquiry has now passed. Parties have had the ability to particularise their claims since this inquiry was first initiated in December 2018 and with the benefit of a completed casebook since July 2025 (Wai 2700, #2.6.5 & #2.6.6).

In these circumstances, I am not prepared to grant leave for any further amendments to be made to Wai 1511 in relation to the rangatiratanga pou for the purposes of the Mana Wahine inquiry.

The claimants are therefore advised that this amendment is only registered insofar as it concerns matters outside of the rangatiratanga pou. The Mana Wahine Tribunal panel will consider this claim in relation to the rangatiratanga pou to the extent that it was particularised in document Wai 1511, #1.1.1(b).

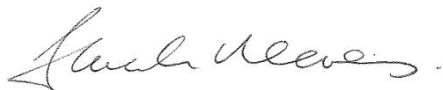
The claimants are also directed to refile the amended statement of claim with the further rangatiratanga pou amendments removed by **5 pm, Thursday 2 April 2026**.

This amendment is to be entered on Wai 1511, the Ngāi Tamatea Hapū ki Waiotaha Lands claim, as document #1.1.1(f). Once the Tribunal receives the refiled amended statement of claim as directed above, document #1.1.1(f) will be replaced on the record with the refiled document.

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 1511, the Ngāi Tamatea Hapū ki Waiotaha Lands claim; and
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine kaupapa inquiry.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 26th day of March 2026



Judge Sarah Reeves
Presiding Officer

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