

**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

Wai 2859

**CONCERNING**

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND**the Mana Wahine (Barnett)  
claim**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 2859 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 further particularise the claim in relation to mana wahine, wāhine Māori in employment, education, unemployment and standard of living discrepancies, vulnerability and unjust, unsafe, and unhealthy work conditions, the Crown's failure to provide culturally safe places of work that gives appropriate status to tikanga Māori and mana wāhine, underfunding of Māori service providers, underrepresentation of wāhine Māori in leadership and the pay disparity of wāhine Māori.

**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 2859 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 2859, #1.1.1.

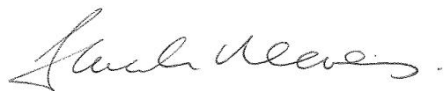
The claimants are also directed to refile the amended statement of claim with the further rangatiratanga pou amendments removed by **5 pm, Thursday 2 April 2026**.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 2859, the Mana Wahine (Barnett) claim, as document #1.1.1(a). Once the Tribunal receives the refiled amended statement of claim as directed above, document #1.1.1(a) 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 2859, the Mana Wahine (Barnett) claim; and
- Wai 2700, the Mana Wahine Kaupapa Inquiry.

**DATED** at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

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

Judge Sarah Reeves  
Presiding Officer

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