WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 475

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Whangapoua Forest claim

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 475 an amended statement of claim received on 1 October 2025 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to further particularise the claim for Wai 475, specifically in relation to rangatiratanga of wāhine Māori, the rights, roles, status, and influence of wāhine Māori, mātauranga and traditional institutions such as Te Whare Pora, wāhine Māori in cosmology and tradition, the exclusion of wāhine Māori from leadership, decision-making, and politics, and the contemporary impacts of colonisation.

This amendment seeks to add further relief to the claim, including recommendations that the Crown:

- works in genuine partnership with wāhine Māori in all future decision-making, especially where it affects Māori communities and leadership;
- reviews and reforms legislation, policies and Crown-Māori governance arrangements to ensure wāhine Māori are fairly represented and have a meaningful role in decision-making at all levels; and
- supports and funds wāhine Māori-led initiatives to restore traditional leadership roles, revive wāhine-focused tikanga and mātauranga, and strengthen cultural wellbeing and identity.

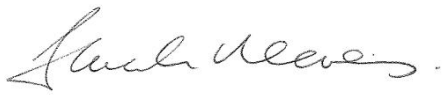
The claimants should note that this amendment is only registered insofar as it concerns allegations that have not been settled by the Ngāti Pāoa Claims Settlement Act 2025.

The amendment is to be entered on Wai 475, the Whangapoua Forest claim, as document #1.1(i).

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 475, the Whangapoua Forest 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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