



**MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:**

1. This memorandum updates the Tribunal on the availability of Crown witnesses to appear in hearing week 8 of the Inquiry, and seeks an extension to filing speaking notes and responses to written questions for Crown witnesses from hearing week 6.

**Availability of Crown witnesses for hearing week 8**

2. On 21 April 2026, counsel were contacted by the Waitangi Tribunal registry regarding hearing the evidence of Paul Stocks and Grahame Morton in hearing week 8, rather than as timetabled in hearing week 7. On 22 April, the Presiding Officer directed via email that counsel for the Crown use their best efforts to ascertain Messrs Stocks and Morton's availability to appear in hearing week 8, set to begin on 25 May 2026.
3. Counsel has conferred with Messrs Stocks and Morton and can confirm that both witnesses will be available to appear to give their evidence in hearing week 8.
4. Counsel also confirm that Siobhan Routledge will appear to give her evidence in hearing week 8.
5. The updated hearing week seven timetable is attached as **Appendix A**.

**Extension for filing**

6. Given the shift of Crown witnesses into hearing week 8, counsel respectfully seek an extension to file the relevant speaking notes closer to hearing week 8 in May 2026.
7. Counsel also seek an extension to file responses to written questions for Crown witnesses from hearing week 6 until after hearing week 7 to enable counsel to file responses to written questions for all Crown witnesses across these hearing weeks, together.

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