

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 682

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

an application for an urgent
inquiry by the Ngāti Hine
Lands, Forests and
Resources claim

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON REGARDING
AN APPLICATION FOR AN URGENT INQUIRY**

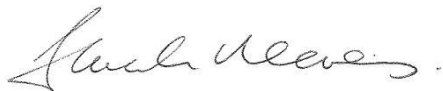
22 April 2026

1. On 21 April 2026, the Tribunal received an amended statement of claim, an application for an urgent inquiry, and accompanying affidavits filed by Dr Season-Mary Downs and Chelsea Terei-Tipene on behalf of Rewiti Paraone, Erima Henare, Pita Tipene, and Waihoroi Shortland on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, or the Ngāti Hine Lands, Forests and Resources (Wai 682) claim (Wai 682, #2.114).
2. The claim concerns the Crown proposals to repeal or amend Treaty provisions in legislation, following its review of references to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in legislation.
3. I now direct the Crown and any interested parties to respond to the application for an urgent inquiry by no later than **midday, 6 May 2026**.
4. I also direct the applicant to file submissions in reply to those of the Crown and interested parties by no later than **midday, 20 May 2026**. This reply is to be confined to what has been said in terms of paragraph [2] above. It is not a further opportunity nor is it proper to replead or repeat the claim. Assertions are not to be made, except on matters raised by the Crown or the opposing parties.
5. Parties are to ensure any forthcoming submissions comply with the new standardised procedure regarding the management of urgencies, as set out in the recently released practice note of the Tribunal.¹
6. Failure to comply may result in the rejection of documents or significant delay in deciding whether or not to grant urgency.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to counsel for the applicants, Crown counsel and those on the notification list for:

- Wai 682, the Ngāti Hine Lands, Forests and Resources claim; and
- Wai 3300, Tomokia ngā tatau ō Matangireia, the Constitutional Kaupapa Inquiry.

DATED at Wellington this 22nd day of April 2026



Judge Sarah Reeves
Deputy Chairperson

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¹ Waitangi Tribunal, *Te Tukanga Taihoro: An Expedited Urgent Inquiry Process* (2025), [Practice-Note-Te-Tukanga-Taihoro-Urgency-Inquiry-Process.pdf](#).