

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 682

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

ANDthe Ngāti Hine Lands, Forests
and Resources claim**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

The Registrar is directed to add to Wai 682 an amended statement of claim received on 21 April 2026 and to record its date of receipt in the register of claims.

This amendment seeks to add further allegations to the claim concerning the Crown proposing to repeal or amend Treaty provisions in legislation, following its review of references to the principles of Treaty of Waitangi in legislation. These allegations include:

- failing to recognise and give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles in making legislative and policy amendments at issue;
- failing to undertake meaningful engagement;
- failing to ensure that Māori perspectives, opposition, or rangatiratanga, were appropriately incorporated into decision making processes; and
- failing to actively protect Māori interests or uphold the Tiriti partnership.

This amendment seeks to add a variety of relief, including the recommendations that the Crown:

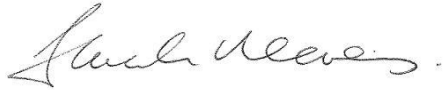
- not proceed with the proposed changes to legislation;
- pause and work in partnership with Māori in respect of references to the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi/ the Treaty of Waitangi in legislation; and
- work with Māori in a broader recommendation to restore the Crown Māori relationship in terms of the Treaty and ensure that any future law and policy change is done in accordance with the principles of te Tiriti.

The amendment is to be entered on the Wai 682, the Ngāti Hine Lands, Forests and Resources claim, as document #1.1(an), with the accompanying appendices as documents #1.1(an(i)) and #1.1(an(ii)).

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 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Reeves', with a small flourish at the end.

Judge Sarah Reeves
Deputy Chairperson

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