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Ngā Kaitiaki Rēti Ngahere Karauna

CROWN FORESTRY RENTAL TRUST

OFFICIAL**Wai 3555, #6.2.4**

5 May 2026

VIA EMAIL

Judge Stephanie Milroy
 Presiding Officer
 Waipāoa Blocks Inquiry
 Waitangi Tribunal
 141 The Terrace
 Wellington 6011

Tēnā koe e te Rangatira,

Re CFRT Funding and Research Update for Waipāoa Remedies Inquiry

1. The Crown Forestry Rental Trust files this research and funding update in accordance with the Tribunal's request for research updates in Memorandum-Directions Wai 3555, #2.5.016 dated 9 April 2026.

Approved Client and Funding Request Update

2. Table 1 below sets out the Trust's Approved Clients and their funding status as at May 2026:

Table 1: CFRT Approved Clients and Funding Status, May 2026

Claimant Group	Wai numbers	Approved Client Status Yes/No	Funding Approved	Date of Approval/s
Te Mana Moana o Ngāti Irapuāia Trust	558, 864	Yes	Yes	23 July 2025
Te Aitanga a Māhaki Trust	274, 283	Yes	No funding request received	23 July 2025
Ngāti Muriwai Authority Trust	87, 1794, 2160	Yes	Yes	23 July & 20 August 2025
Ngāriki Kaiputahi Working Group	499, 874	Yes	Yes	20 August 2025
Ngā Ariki Kaipūtahi Whānau Trust	507	Yes	Yes	20 August 2025
Te Whānau a Kai Trust	892	Yes	Yes	19 November 2025

3. Te Whānau a Kai Trust achieved Approved Client status and a funding approval at the Trustees' meeting in November 2025.
4. An application for Approved Client status and a funding request has been received from Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority. This application will be considered by CFRT Trustees at their 20 May 2026 meeting and Trust staff will update the Tribunal and parties following the Trustees' meeting.

Research Progress Update

5. Table 2 below sets out revised milestone dates for Trust-commissioned research on behalf of its Approved Clients participating in the

Table 2: Research Milestones for CFRT-commissioned Waipāoa Research Reports

Claimant Group	Provider	Completion Date
Ngā Ariki Kaipūtahi Whānau Trust & Ngā Ariki Kaipūtahi Whānau Trust	Anthony Pātete	30 June 2026
Ngāti Muriwai Authority Trust	Paul Husbands	4 September 2026
Te Whānau a Kai Trust	Tony Walzl	30 June 2026 but date variation likely
Te Mana Moana o Ngāti Irapuāia Trust	TBC	TBC

6. The Trust is working with Te Mana Moana o Ngāti Irapuāia Trust to secure an available and suitable provider as soon as possible.

Nāku noa, nā



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