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Wai 3555, #2.5.16(a) 09.04.26 - updated - 15.05.2026

## Appendix A: Waipāoa Remedies parties technical research status (as at Jan 26)

No.	Wai No.	Claim Name/counsel (chambers)	Latest technical research update	Latest information from MOCs filed at 1st research update deadline 7 May 2026
<b>Tūranga groups</b>				<b>2nd research update deadline Tuesday 11 August 2026</b>
<b>Te Aitanga a Māhaki claimant groups</b>				<b>3rd research update deadline Thursday 5 November 2026</b>
1	Wai 274 & Wai 283	The Mangatū State Forest claim & the East Coast Raupatu claim Karen Feint KC (Thorndon Chambers) and Roger Drummond (Gibson Sheat)	New technical evidence ready 'within approximately 3 months' notice of filing dates' (Wai 3555, #3.1.29 at [8]). Research for Te Aitanga a Māhaki was underway and could be completed within two to three months (Wai 3555, #3.1.32 at [8]–[9]):	Te Aitanga a Māhaki engaged Bruce Stirling to prepare expert historical evidence on the history of the Waipāoa blocks. Mr Stirling has commenced research, ETA November 2026. If a Tribunal filing deadline emerges before that, he would complete it with 3 months' notice. Te Aitanga a Māhaki engaged Dr Richard Meade to provide expert economic evidence updating the evidence that he provided in the Mangatū Remedies Inquiry. Dr Meade working to similar time frames to Mr Stirling. MOC filed 07.05.26
2	Wai 995	Te Whānau a Te Rangiwahakataetaea claim John Kahukiwa (Corban Revell)	<i>No specific update on technical research received.</i>	Wai 995 does not intend to contract an independent researcher or historian, to present further technical evidence in Wai 3555, as the research process undertaken and planned (based on studies of Māori Land Court records, and korero held by the claimants) will be sufficient to inform Wai 995's claim. Further evidence will likely be provided by way of the claimant's briefs and korero before the Tribunal. MOC filed 07.05.26
<b>Ngāriki Kaipūtahi groups – Ngā Uri o Tamanui Trust</b>				<b>Latest information from MOCs filed at 1st research update deadline 7 May 2026</b>
3	Wai 499	The Mangatū No.1 Block claim Bryce Lyall, Maithili Sreen, Hannah Swedlund (Kokiri Chambers)	Ngāriki Kaipūtahi intend to conduct further research (Wai 3555, #3.1.26 at [14]). Engaged historian Anthony Pātete to file a report in March 2026. (Wai 3555, #3.1.28 at [15] and oral update provided at 18 Sep 25 judicial conference).	
4	Wai 874	The Mangatū Block claim Bryce Lyall, Maithili Sreen, Hannah Swedlund (Kokiri Chambers)		
5	Wai 507	The Mangatū Block claim Tom Bennion, Emma Whiley, Kudrat (Bennion Law)		CFRT update filed 05.05.26 - Anthony Patete completion date 30 June 2026 Counsel continue to be instructed by the two remaining named claimants of the Wai 507 claim, Julie O'Donnell and Jasmine Puia. MOC filed 22.04.26 The researcher Anthony Patete has met with claimants and is making good progress. While his formal completion date is 30 June 2026, the claimants have asked him to undertake a site visit, so we anticipate a request for an extension of a few weeks. MOC filed 07.05.26

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<b>Te Whānau a Kai</b>				
6	Wai 892	Patutahi, Muhunga and Other Lands and Resources (Te Whanau-A-Kai) claim Hon Christopher Finlayson KC, Kelly Dixon, Toni Talamaivao, Harriett Morrow (Dixon & Co)	Historian Tony Walzl engaged to undertake commissioned research and aiming for completion by the end of the first quarter of 2026 (Wai 3555, #3.1.42 at [3]–[4]).	CFRT update filed 05.05.26 - Tony Walzl completion date - 30 June 2026 but date variation likely.  Mr Walzl has provided an updated completion date of 30 June 2026. However, that date remains subject to further change. MOC filed 07.05.26
<b>Whakatōhea groups</b>				
7	Wai 87	Whakatōhea Raupatu claim Tony Sinclair, Brett Cunningham (Ngātahi Law)	Historian Paul Husbands engaged to author a historical report for Ngāti Muriwai on Waipāoa matters with an estimated delivery of 19 June 2026 (Wai 3555, #3.1.43 at [4]–[5]). Wai 87, Wai 1794 and Wai 2160 oral and traditional evidence on the Waipāoa to be filed by 15 May 2026 (Wai 3555, #3.1.43 at [6]).	CFRT update filed 05.05.26 - Paul Husbands completion date - 4 September 2026
8	Wai 1794	Turangapikitoi Hapū claim Tony Sinclair, Brett Cunningham (Ngātahi Law)		
9	Wai 2160	Whakatōhea and Ngāti Muriwai of Ōmarumutu Lands and Resources (McMurtie) Tony Sinclair, Michael Sharp (Ngātahi Law)		
10	Wai 558	Ngāti Ira o Waiōweka Rohe claim Annette Sykes, Maia Te Hira (Annette Sykes and Associates)	Yet to commission a researcher but likely can update by February 2026 as in discussion with two potential researchers. Depending on the researcher available, work may not start until January 2026 or May 2026 (Wai 3555, #3.1.41 at [4]–[6]).	CFRT update filed 05.05.26 - The Trust is working with Te Mana Moana o Ngāti Irapuāia Trust to secure an available and suitable provider as soon as possible.
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11	Wai 864	The Moutohora Quarry claim Annette Sykes (Annette Sykes and Associates) and Jacki Cole, Barrister	<i>No specific update on technical research received.</i>	
12	Wai 1781	Ngāi Tamahaua (Biddle) claim Raewyn Clark, Josi Witehira, Alice Madsen (Wackrow Panoho)	Yet to secure CFRT approved client status; a prerequisite for obtaining CFRT research funding (Wai 3555, #3.1.40 at [3]–[5]).	Despite continued efforts the claimants have not yet been able to secure CFRT funding to undertake research to support their claims in this inquiry. Efforts are continuing and a further update will be provided to the Tribunal as soon as possible. MOC filed 08.05.26

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<b>Ngāi Tai group</b>				
13	Wai 78	Torere Claim Eve Rongo (Oranganui Legal)	Yet to secure CFRT approved client status; a prerequisite for obtaining CFRT research funding (Wai 3555, #3.1.27 at [3]–[4]). Intend to collaborate on research with Ngāti Muriwai (Wai 2160) claimants in view of their shared whakapapa.	<b>As of Friday 1 May 2026, the Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority (NIA) have provided an application for approved client status and a funding request for the Wai 3555 inquiry to CFRT. CFRT have confirmed that the NIA application will be considered by CFRT Trustees at their 20 May 2026 meeting. Counsel expects an answer at the beginning of June 2026. MOC filed 07.05.26.</b>
<b>Crown</b>				<b>Latest information from MOCs filed at 1st research update deadline 7 May 2026</b>
14		Counsel for the Crown Craig Linkhorn (Clifton Chambers) and Daniel Hunt (Crown Law Office)	To file evidence four weeks (at the earliest) following receipt of all claimant evidence.	