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OFFICIAL**Wai 1750, #3.2.396(b)****14 May 26**Ministry of Justice
WELLINGTON**APPENDIX B - proposed hearing plan (update May 2026)**

Claimant group or witness	Time estimate (days or hours)	Comments
Hearing Week 9 (Public Works) – 8 – 12 June 2026, dates confirmed and planning underway		
Coordinating Counsel – Jacki Cole, Barrister / Sykes & Co, Venue – Ōpeke Marae		
Bassett and Kay – Public Works	1 day	
Dr Vaughan Woods – Environmental report	0.5 day	
Wai 1795 Tāwhiri Williams, Ngāti Rua	0.25 day	
Wai 864 Motuhora Quarry	0.25	
Mark Derby – Ngai Tamahaua oral & traditional history report	0.5 day	
Wai 87, Wai 1794 Turangapikitoi Hapū	0.5 day	
Wai 558 Ngati Ira Including: Bruce Stirling Report - Māori in the Framework for Pardons (#G1)	1.5 days	
	Total 4.5 days	
Hearing Week 10 (Social Issues & Economic Development) – 24-28 August 2026		
Coordinating Counsel – Tukau Law, Venue – Te Rere Marae		
Walzl – <i>Economic Development report</i>	1.25 days	
Wai 1920 Wolfgramm economic development claim	0.25	
Wai 1884 – Ngati Ngāhere (Tukau)	3 days	
Wai 87	0.5 days	
	Total 5 days	
PART 2 (non-thematic and remaining evidence)		
Hearing Week 11 – 19 – 24 October 2026		
Coordinating Counsel – Wackrow Panoho & Associates, Venue TBC		
Wai 1781 Ngai Tama	0.5 day	Remaining evidence

Wai 203 Mokokoko	0.25 day	Evidence on contemporary claim and relief
Wai 87	1 day	Remaining evidence 3-4 witness
Wai 1511 Ngai Tamatea	2 days	
Boston & Oliver, Tahora Block Report (Wai 894, #A22) – Whakatōhea focus [TBC]	0.5 day	Funding dependent
	Total 4.25 days	
Hearing Week 12 – 16 -20 November 2026		
Co-ordinating counsel – Bryce Lyall / Hannah Swedlund, Venue Roimata		
Te Upokorehe: claimant evidence Wai 1092 (B Lyall) Wai 1787 (B Lyall) Wai 3272 (B Lyall) Wai 1758 (B Lyall)	4.5 days	
Paul Husbands, Upokorehe Tribal landscape	0.5 day	
	Total 5 days	
Hearing week 13 - Ngai Tai – February 2027		
Coordinating Counsel – Oranganui Legal, Venue Tōreere		
Wai 78	6 days / Sunday and full week	Ngā kōrero tuku iho, technical and thematic evidence
Crown File Evidence	File March 2027	
Claimant reply Evidence	File May 2027	
Week 14 - Crown hearing – June 2027		
Claimant Closings – Specific & Generic	File August 2027	
Crown Closings	File September 2027	
Claimant Reply	File October 2027	

