WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 3582

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND an application for an urgent hearing by Priscilla Rivers on behalf of Ngāti Aukiwa hapū.

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

1. On 2 September 2026 the Tribunal received a statement of claim (Wai 3582, #1.1.1) and an application for an urgent hearing (Wai 3582, #3.1.1 & #3.1.2) from Priscilla Rivers on behalf of Ngāti Aukiwa hapū. The claim concerns the phytophthora agathidicida infection within the Paikauri Conservation area.

2. I now direct the Crown and any interested parties to respond to the application for an urgent hearing by no later than **midday, 18 September 2026.**

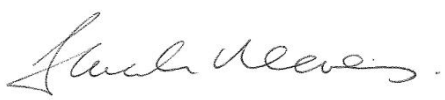
3. I also direct the applicant to file submissions in reply to those of the Crown and interested parties by no later than **midday, 2 October 2026**. This reply is to be confined to reply to what has been said in terms of paragraph [2] above. It is not a further opportunity nor is it proper to replead or repeat the claim. Assertions are not to be made, except on matters raised by the Crown or the opposing parties.

4. Failure to comply may result in the rejection of documents or significant delay in deciding whether or not to grant urgency.

5. On 22 August 2025, the Chairperson released a practice note outlining a new and standardised procedure regarding the management of urgencies for the Tribunal to trial for 12 months. Parties are to use this practice note in the preparation of any forthcoming submissions regarding this application. The practice note is **appended** to this memorandum-directions for parties' reference.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to counsel for the applicant, Crown counsel and those on the notification list for Wai 3450, the Natural Resources and Environmental Management kaupapa inquiry.

DATED at Wellington this 4th day of September 2026



Judge Sarah Reeves
Deputy Chairperson
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