IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 45

CONCERNING the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE C M WAINWRIGHT RELEASING COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

17 September 2026

Releasing commissioned research

1. On 11 June 2025 the Tribunal commissioned Heather Bassett, contract historian, to prepare for the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry "Post-1865 Block Narratives – Report Four" (Wai 45, #2.948 at [1]).
2. The original deadline for filing was 29 May 2026 (Wai 45, #2.948 at [3]), but in my memorandum-directions of 19 May 2026, I extended that to 18 September 2026 (Wai 45, #2.981 at [2]).
3. The Tribunal has now received the report and associated document bank, and I direct the Registrar to enter them on to the Wai 45 Record of Inquiry. The title of the report is:

   'Muriwhenua Post-1865 Block Narratives: Report Four'

4. The Registrar is to send this direction to:
   (a) Heather Bassett;
   (b) Claimant counsel, Crown counsel, and unrepresented claimants in the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry;
   (c) Chief Historian, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
   (d) Principal Research Analysts, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
   (e) Manager Research Services, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
   (f) Manager Inquiry Facilitation, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
   (g) Principal Inquiry Facilitator, Waitangi Tribunal Unit;
   (h) Solicitor General, Crown Law Office;
   (i) Chief Executive, Te Tari Whakatau;
   (j) Chief Executive, Crown Forestry Rental Trust; and
   (k) Chief Executive, Te Puni Kōkiri;
   (l) and those on the distribution list for Wai 45, the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry.

DATED at Wellington this 17th day of September 2026

Judge C M Wainwright
Presiding Officer
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL