**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

Wai 45

**CONCERNING** the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND** the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry

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# MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE C M WAINWRIGHT ABOUT CONTINUING TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME

30 April 2026

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**Further quarterly research updates**

1. On 29 May 2024 and 3 April 2025, I directed parties to provide quarterly updates on research progress through to 13 March 2026 (Wai 45, #2.928 at [7] & #2.940 at [6]).
2. On 2 October 2025, I confirmed that 30 September 2026 remained as the deadline for claimant- and Waitangi Tribunal-commissioned research. I observed that all the Ngāpuhi-related research is unlikely to be ready for filing then, although the scoping report will probably have been done (Wai 45, #2.971 at [46]).
3. I acknowledged that the Crown indicated that while it does not intend to lead evidence in chief, it may wish to lead evidence in reply. It will only know what course it will take after it has engaged with the Tribunal and claimant research (Wai 45, #2.971 at [44]).
4. To remain apprised of research progress, I seek further quarterly updates from claimant parties, the Crown Forestry Rental Trust, and the Waitangi Tribunal Unit Research Services Team on **5pm, Friday 12 June 2026** and **5pm, Friday 2 October 2026**
5. In addition, by **5pm, Friday 30 October 2026** following the receipt of the claimant and Tribunal research, the Crown will please inform me when it will decide whether to commission any reply evidence, and the likely nature and extent of, and timeframe for, any such evidence.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 45, the Renewed Muriwhenua Land Inquiry.

**DATED** at Wellington this 30th day of April 2026

Judge C M Wainwright
Presiding Officer
**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**