BEFORE THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

WAI 1750
WAI 558
WAI 864

IN THE MATTER OF	the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
AND	
IN THE MATTER OF	the North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry **(WAI 1750)**
AND	
IN THE MATTER OF	a claim by the late **Hone Kameta, Te Rua Rakuraku, Paeone Goonan and Te Ringahuia Hata** for and on behalf of **Ngāti Ira o Waiōweka (WAI 558)**
AND	
IN THE MATTER OF	a claim by the late **John Hata** and **Russell Hollis, John Brown and Te Ringahuia Hata for Moutohora Quarry (WAI 864)**

MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL UPDATING THE TRIBUNAL ON THE COMMISSIONING OF RESEARCH BY PROFESSOR RICHARD BOAST KC ON THE TAHORA NO 2 BLOCK

Dated on this 28th day of August 2026

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TĒNĀ E TE TARAIPIUNARA:

Introduction

1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed on behalf of the Wai 558 and Wai 864 claimants to update the Tribunal that Professor Richard Boast KC has been commissioned to prepare a report on the Tahora No 2 Block on behalf of those claimants.

Background

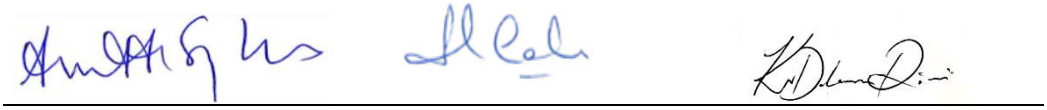
2. Counsel understood the Presiding Officer to have advised, at the conclusion of day three of hearing week 10 (26 August 2026), that the Tahora report of Mr Peter Boston and Mr Steven Oliver (Wai 1750, #F24, also recorded as Wai 894, #A22 and Wai 814, #I3), commissioned by the Tribunal in June 2002, will likely not be presented orally, but rather that questions arising from it will instead be submitted, and answered, in writing.

3. In light of that unexpected update, counsel await formal directions from the Presiding Officer. In the meantime, counsel wish to advise the Tribunal that Professor Richard Boast KC has been commissioned by the Crown Forestry Rental Trust, on behalf of the Wai 558 and Wai 864 claimants, to prepare a report addressing those claimants' interests in, and the issues arising in relation to, the Tahora No 2 Block.

4. Professor Boast KC's report is presently at drafting stage, along with an accompanying map book. Counsel had anticipated that Professor Boast KC would present in hearing week 11, the same hearing week as Messrs Boston and Oliver. However, in light of the Tribunal's update yesterday, counsel will review an appropriate time for presentation with coordinating counsel.

5. Counsel will file a further memorandum in due course setting out a proposed timetable for completion and filing of the report.

DATED at Rotorua/Tawa this 28th day of August 2026.



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