**IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**

**WAI 2750**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** the Housing Policy and Services Kaupapa Inquiry

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**JOINT MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL SEEKING UPDATE REGARDING STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND NEXT STEPS**

Dated this 22nd day of May 2026

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:**

1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed jointly by Claimant Co-ordinating Counsel and Counsel for the Crown.

2. A list of Claimant Counsel in support of this Memorandum is provided at **Appendix A**.

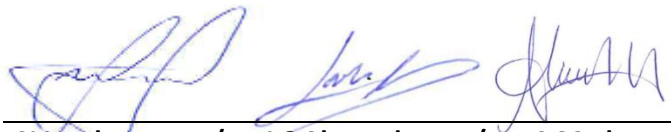
3. In Memorandum-Directions dated 23 September 2025, Presiding Officer Judge C T Coxhead indicated the Tribunal intended to issue the Tribunal Statement of Issues ("**TSOI**") before the end of 2025.[1]

4. In Memorandum-Directions dated 12 Hakihea 2025, his Honour advised the parties that, although the finalisation of the TSOI was then significantly advanced, the Tribunal would now issue the final TSOI as soon as possible in 2026.[2]

5. In the 12 Hakihea 2025 Directions, his Honour further advised the Tribunal will confirm the next steps that remain to be undertaken prior to the commencement of hearings for stage two of the inquiry in the directions to be issued alongside the TSOI.[3]

6. Counsel respectfully seek a formal update from the Tribunal as to when the Tribunal will issue the TSOI and directions confirming the next steps in stage two of the inquiry. This will greatly assist the parties in their preparation for the stage two hearings beginning in 2027.

**Dated**: this 22nd day of May 2026



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[1] Wai 2750, #2.6.068 at [9](b).
[2] Wai 2750, #2.6.069 at [10] – [11].
[3] At [9].