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 IN RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM DIRECTIONS OF 23 PIPIRI 2026

Dated this 6th day of July 2026

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1. This Memorandum of Counsel is filed jointly by Claimant Coordinating 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 Pipiri 2026 ("**Directions**"), Presiding Officer Judge C T Coxhead released the Tribunal Statement of Issues and gave directions on the next steps in Stage Two of the inquiry.

4. His Honour directed Claimant Coordinating Counsel to collate and file any initial feedback from Counsel regarding the content of the Directions by no later than 5pm, Friday, 6 July 2026.[1]

5. Following receipt of the Directions, Claimant Coordinating Counsel sought, and received, confirmation from the Waitangi Tribunal Unit Principal Facilitator that the intended filing deadline is 5pm, Monday 6 July 2026.[2]

6. Claimant Coordinating Counsel have liaised with Crown Counsel and canvassed the capacity of Claimant Counsel to provide the feedback sought within that timeframe.

7. Counsel confirm the majority position is that more time is required to allow the parties to meaningfully consider and provide feedback on the content of the directions.

8. Counsel note the Directions have coincided with a hearing week in the Wai 2500 Military Veterans Kaupapa Inquiry held on 22 – 26 June 2026 and four hearing events in the Wai 3060 Justice System Kaupapa Inquiry held from 28 June – 1 July 2026 which have required the attention of Claimant Counsel. Counsel further note a hearing week in the Wai 2200 Porirua ki Manawatū District Inquiry is scheduled for 13 – 17 July 2026.

[1] Wai 2750, #2.6.70 at [70].
[2] Email from Waitangi Tribunal Unit Principal Facilitator Dr Christopher Burke to Claimant Coordinating Counsel dated 24 June 2026.

9. Accordingly, Counsel respectfully seek an extension to Tuesday 4 August 2026 to enable the parties to properly consider and provide feedback on the Directions. Should the extension sought be granted the parties will continue to liaise with an intention to file the feedback on a joint basis to the extent that is possible.

Dated: this 6th day of July 2026

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