TE RŌPŪ WHAKAMANA I TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Wai 2750

E PĀ ANA KI te Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975
CONCERNING

Ā, the Housing Policy and
AND Services Kaupapa Inquiry

HE MANATU WHAKAHAU NĀ KAIWHAKAWĀ MATUA TUARUA COXHEAD

MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE COXHEAD CONFIRMING ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUDICIAL CONFERENCE AND RELEASING TIMETABLE AND AGENDA

14 Hepetema 2026

Purpose

1. This memorandum-directions confirms the date and arrangements for a judicial conference to be held to discuss stage two forward inquiry planning matters.

2. A timetable and agenda for the judicial conference are **attached** as **Appendix A**.

Background

3. In my memorandum-directions dated 2 September 2026, I summarised various feedback received from claimant coordinating counsel and counsel for the Crown regarding stage two hearing planning, including on accessibility and the possible impact of reduced hearing time on these proceedings (Wai 2750, #2.6.71 at [7] – [38]).

4. I noted that, in their joint memorandum dated 4 August 2026, coordinating counsel and counsel for the Crown requested a judicial conference be convened to enable parties and the Tribunal panel to discuss and progress key issues they considered remained to be determined in the stage two hearing planning process (Wai 2750, #2.6.71 at [10] – [11]).

5. This request was further supported by Annette Sykes, Kalei Delamere-Ririnui, Jack Potaka and Rangipurei Manley in their memorandum of 13 August 2026 (Wai 2750, #3.2.478 at [3] – [4]).

6. Before convening a judicial conference, I advised that the Tribunal first wished to understand with greater precision parties' views on what they consider to be the minimum viable requirements for the stage two inquiry hearing phase. I therefore directed claimant coordinating counsel to confer with counsel for the Crown and to provide further and more detailed submissions on these matters by 7 October 2026 (Wai 2750, #2.6.71 at [43]).

7. I advised that a date and time for the judicial conference would be released in due course, but noted the fixture would take place in Wellington, with an audio-visual link (AVL) available for those who wish to participate remotely (Wai 2750 #2.6.71 at [45]).

Judicial conference arrangements

8. I now confirm that the above judicial conference will take place at the Waitangi Tribunal's offices, Level 2, Fujitsu Tower, 141 the Terrace, Wellington, and commence at **10 am** on **Tuesday 13 October 2026.** An AVL link will be provided for those who wish to participate remotely.

9. Counsel are directed to confirm their intention to participate in the judicial conference via an email to the Waitangi Tribunal's Registrar (WT.Registrar@justice.govt.nz) by **5 pm, Monday 28 September 2026.**

10. The RSVP must include:

    (a) the names of all those counsel who wish to participate;

    (b) whether counsel are appearing in person or via AVL;

    (c) who counsel represent (including Wai numbers); and

    (d) email addresses for those counsel seeking to appear via AVL.

11. As noted at [2] above, a timetable and agenda for the judicial conference is **attached** as **Appendix A**.

Me tuku atu te Kairēhita i tētehi kape o tēnei whakahau ki ērā ki te rārangi whakamōhio mō Wai 2750, the Housing Policy and Services Kaupapa Inquiry.

The Registrar is to send a copy of this direction to all those on the distribution list for Wai 2750, the Housing Policy and Services Kaupapa Inquiry.

WHAKAPŪMAUTIA ki Seoul, South Korea i te 14 o te Hepetema 2026

Kaiwhakawā Matua Tuarua C T Coxhead
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