IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL **KEI MUA I TE TARAIPIUNARA**	**WAI 1750** **WAI 1092** **WAI 1787** **WAI 3272** **WAI 1758**
UNDER	**The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975**
CONCERNING	**The North-Eastern Bay of Plenty District Inquiry**
AND	**The Rongopopoia Hapū Claim, brought by Hinehou Leef (deceased), Richard Wikotu (deceased), Aroha Wikotu, Rocky Ihe (deceased), and Kahukore Baker (Wai 1787)**
AND	**The Upokorehe claim brought by Sandra Aramoana, Wayne Aramoana, Wallace Aramoana, Lance Reha, Gaylene Kohunui and Kahukore Baker (Wai 1092)** **(cont)**

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AND	**Te Upokorehe Settlement Claim (Wai 3272)**
AND	**The Upokorehe Hapū Ngāti Raumoa Roimata Marae Trust Claim brought by Sandra Aramoana, Wayne Aramoana, Wallace Aramoana, Lance Reha and Gaylene Kohunui (Wai 1758)**

KIA WHAKAAE MAI TE TARAIPIUNARA

1. My name is Moana Adalene Malissa Rarere. I whakapapa to Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungunu, Tūhoe, and Whakatōhea. I also whakapapa to many other iwi including Te Upokorehe through my maternal grandmother – Waiarani Te Pouhuri Wharerimu (nèe Taitapanui).

2. I am a Senior Research Fellow at Te Ngira Institute for Population Research, The University of Waikato, Hamilton. I am a demographer and population researcher with expertise in Māori population change, fertility, population projections, Māori data sovereignty, and quantitative data analysis

3. While I acknowledge my iwi affiliations, including Te Upokorehe, the commentary expressed in this brief are provided in my capacity as an independent expert in demography and population research. I draw on approximately 14 years of expertise developed through my master's and doctoral training, together with my professional experience in population studies, demographic research, and quantitative analysis.

4. I have been asked to prepare an expert brief regarding the composition of the Māori population and the principal factors contributing to Māori population growth. I have also been requested to provide a summary of my doctoral thesis (Rarere, 2024), which explored the socio-demographic and cultural factors underpinning Māori fertility (births) patterns and trends.

5. This report is attached as Appendix A. The field of demography contains several concepts and technical terms that may be defined or interpreted differently across various disciplines and contexts. To assist the reader(s), I have provided definitions and/or brief explanations of key terms where appropriate.

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Dr Moana Rarere