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IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL WAI 1040

IN THE MATTER OF THE TREATY OF WAITANGI ACT 1975

AND

IN THE MATTER OF TE PAPARAHI O TE RAKI (NORTHLAND INQUIRY)

CROWN MEMORANDUM

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MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:

1. The Tribunal has directed the Crown to file its finalised statement of position and concessions by 30 May 2012.[1]

2. The Crown respectfully seeks an extension to file its finalised statement of position and concessions **by midday 20 June 2012.**

3. The reasons the Crown seeks the extension are:

   3.1 The Crown wishes to ensure that it takes an adequate amount of time to amend the draft statement of position and concessions in light of the various questions posed by claimant counsel and to make suggestions to the Tribunal and claimants about how the Crown sees the inquiry unfolding, given the concessions the Crown has made and the Crown's position on various issues. Counsel and officials require more time to do this.

   3.2 This reflects the time required to obtain instructions and prepare the response as well as the extensive current commitments of counsel within Crown Law's Treaty Issues Team and relevant staff at the Office of Treaty Settlements in respect of a broad range of other Tribunal related work, including, but not restricted to, various urgency applications and urgent inquiries.

4. Counsel wish to be proactive and realistic in seeking this extension now and not closer to the current filing deadline.

21 May 2012

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TO: The Registrar, Waitangi Tribunal
AND TO: Claimants and their counsel