

WAI 1040: Te Paparahi o Te Raki Inquiry

Memorandum from the Claimants of Whangarei Region

May it please the Tribunal;

1. This memorandum sets out a response from Whangarei claimants to the Counsel Coordinating Committee memorandum dated 25 January 2013 regarding Taiwhenua opening statements and final hearing week 1 timetable.
2. Whangarei do not consent to the proposed timetable submitted by the Counsel Coordinating Committee for the following reasons:
 - a. Counsel Coordinating Committee have failed to consider repeated requests from the Whangarei Region regarding the Opening Hearing Week, for example:
 - The Whangarei Region met on 27 November and passed a resolution for Whangarei and Mangakahia to work positively together, to find positive solutions. However at the Judicial Conference held on 17 Dec 2013, the Counsel Coordinating Committee made the decision to separate Mangakahia and Whangarei without consultation with named claimants of Mangakahia or the Claimant Komiti for Whangarei;
 - The Counsel Coordinating Committee member for Whangarei has not provided sufficient communication since the Judicial Conference held on 17 Dec 2013, and it was only on 22 Jan 2013 made contact with Komiti members asking for a section on behalf of Whangarei for the Counsel Coordinating Committee Memorandum of Counsel due 25 Jan 2013;
 - Claimants of Whangarei feel that they do not have advocacy on the Counsel Coordinating Committee that is transparent and reflects the position of claimants of the Whangarei Region where decisions made at monthly claimant hui and wananga
 - b. For these reasons Whangarei would like to have greater input in the coordination of Opening Hearings set down for March 2013. Whangarei continues to work together on collective briefs of evidence which highlight specific issues within the Whangarei Region.
3. Accordingly, the Whangarei region asserts its autonomy, and requests the same collective rights of representation and audience as is the case with other legal counsel throughout Te Paparahi o Te Raki.

Noho ora mai, na



Ruiha Collier

On behalf of the Whangarei RC Management & Planning Komiti

Dated: 25 January 2013

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