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Judge Layne Harvey  
 Presiding Officer  
 Taihape: Rangitikei ki Rangipo Inquiry  
 Waitangi Tribunal  
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**Re: WAI 2180 – Update on CFRT Funding Request for Phase Two of the Technical Research Programme in the Taihape Inquiry**

Tēnā koe e te Rangatira

1. This Memorandum updates the Waitangi Tribunal, claimants and the Crown on the status of CFRT funding for the Phase Two of the Taihape Technical Research Programme.
2. On 12 June 2013, the Trust updated the Waitangi Tribunal and claimants in the Taihape District Inquiry on the state of the funding request for the Phase Two of the Technical Research Programme (Wai 2180 #6.2.23). Trust staff outlined the background to the CFRT Māori Appointor-appointed Trustees conflict of interest situation, and advised that the Māori Appointor-appointed Trustee conflict of interest existed in relation to the Phase Two funding request because the Rangitikei River projects for which funding is sought span both the Taihape and Porirua ki Manawatu Inquiries. Trust staff advised that the funding request could not be submitted to Trustees until issues around the appointment of Māori Appointor-appointed Alternate Trustees were resolved.
3. On 22 June 2013, the Trust Chairperson Angela Foulkes updated claimants in the Taihape Inquiry reporting significant progress in the proceedings relating to the Māori Appointor-appointed Trustees' conflict of interest situation. It was hoped that as a result of this progress, all applications for funding which have been on hold would be placed on the agenda for a Trustees' meeting within this month.
4. At the present time the Māori Appointor-appointed Trustee conflict of interest issue remains unresolved.
5. On 10 July 2013, the Presiding Office Judge Harvey issued Memorandum-Directions (Wai 2180 #2.5.30) relating to the Phase Two funding request. In paragraph 45, Judge Harvey directed that if it was feasible for Trust staff to submit a funding request for all nine approved Phase Two research projects, including the Rangitikei River historical and cultural perspectives projects, that it should proceed. However, Judge Harvey also directed that if this was not feasible, and in the interest of preventing further delays to the commencement of the Phase Two Technical Research Programme, that an alternative may be to submit a funding request for the seven remaining Phase Two research projects approved in the Memorandum-Directions of 20 May 2013 (Wai 2180 #2.5.29).

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6. Trust staff advise that because the Māori Appointor-appointed Trustee conflict of interest situation has not been resolved, Trustees are not able to consider any applications for *Approved Client* status or funding where a Māori Appointor-appointed Trustee conflict of interest exists.
  7. Should Tribunal staff or claimants have any questions about this update, please contact Trust staff (toll-free) on 0800 2378 2378.

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