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IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

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| IN THE MATTER OF: | The Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 |
| AND: | The Taihape ki Kapiti Regional Inquiry |

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**MEMORANDUM AND DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE L R HARVEY**
**CONVENING A JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**
**AT OTAKI MEMORIAL HALL ON 16 APRIL 2009**

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1. On 9 December 2008 Judge C M Wainwright, the Acting Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal appointed me as judicial officer for the interlocutory stages of the proposed Taihape ki Kapiti regional inquiry. She also appointed Tribunal member Professor H M Mead to assist me to convene a consultative judicial conference (Wai 1510 #2.5.1).

2. The conference will be held at the Otaki Memorial Hall at **10am on Thursday 16 April 2009**. The purpose of this conference is to establish how many claimants in the region wish to participate in a Tribunal inquiry and to determine what kind of inquiry process is appropriate for this region.

3. Claimants are invited to give their information and views in response to the following questions:

   (a) Who are the claimants, spokespersons and counsel?

   (b) Which claimants wish to have a Tribunal inquiry?

   (c) What kind of inquiry and inquiry process will best meet their needs?

   (d) What should be the boundaries of the inquiry?

   (e) Is there agreement on a name for the inquiry region?

   (f) What preparations do claimants need to make to be ready for an inquiry?

4. The Crown is also invited to make submissions, in particular on questions (c) and (d) and on its readiness to engage in a Tribunal inquiry in this region.

5. All parties will have time afterwards to consider the matters discussed at the conference. A further consultative conference will be convened later in the year to confirm whether or not to proceed with an inquiry.

6. Unrepresented claimants, claimant counsel and other interested parties are welcome to make prior written submissions on the above points, especially if they are unable to attend in person. Any written submissions should be filed with the Registrar by **5pm on Friday 3 April 2009**.

7. The Registrar is to distribute this direction to everyone on the notification list for Wai 1510, the combined record of inquiry for the Taihape ki Kapiti claims.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 24th day of February 2009

Judge L R Harvey
Presiding Officer
**WAITANGI TRIBUNAL**