

IN THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

Wai 2500

CONCERNING

the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975

AND

the Military Veterans Kaupapa
Inquiry

**MEMORANDUM-DIRECTIONS OF CHIEF JUDGE W W ISAAC ON PROGRESS
OF CROWN CONCESSIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGARDING TOXIC
ENVIRONMENTS**

26 April 2023

Crown concession and acknowledgements regarding toxic environments

Background

1. On 7 March 2023, Jason Gough, Luke Borthwick, Gregor Allan and Simon Barr filed a memorandum providing a further update on concessions and acknowledgements related to toxic environment issues (Wai 2500, #3.1.693). Counsel for the Crown advise that the Cabinet paper with respect to circumstances in which Māori were likely to have been exposed to toxic environments was expected to be lodged on 30 March 2023, with a view for consideration by the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee on 4 April 2023 (Wai 2500, #3.1.693 at [8]).
2. In my memorandum-directions dated 16 March 2023, I directed the Crown to file a further update on this matter by 11 April 2023 (Wai 2500, #2.5.85 at [8])

Crown memorandum of 6 April 2023

3. On 6 April 2023, counsel for the Crown filed a memorandum, confirming that the Cabinet Paper outlined at [1] above was in fact considered by the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee on 4 April 2023. Counsel advise that full details of the Cabinet's decision will be available by 28 April 2023, at which time the Crown is also due to update the Tribunal on its concessions and acknowledgements regarding stage one issues (Wai 2500, #3.1.697).
4. Counsel for the Crown propose to include details of the Cabinet's decision on concessions and acknowledgements regarding toxic environments at the same time as their concessions for stage one (Wai 2500, #3.1.697 at [4]).

Decision

5. Accordingly, I now direct the Crown to include details of the Cabinet's decision on concessions and acknowledgements regarding toxic environments in its update due on 28 April 2023.

The Registrar is to send this direction to all those on the notification list for Wai 2500, the Military Veterans Kaupapa inquiry.

DATED at Gisborne this 26th day of April 2023



Chief Judge W W Isaac
Presiding Officer

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