

MAY IT PLEASE THE TRIBUNAL:

1. This memorandum responds to the Tribunal's memorandum-directions of 16 March 2023, which directed the Crown to update the Tribunal with respect to concessions and acknowledgements related to toxic environment issues.¹
2. On 7 March 2023, counsel for the Crown advised the Tribunal that officials were to lodge on 30 March 2023 a Cabinet Paper with respect to deployments in which Māori were deployed to areas where they were likely to be exposed to toxic environments, with a view for consideration by the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee on 4 April 2023.²
3. Counsel can confirm that the Paper was considered by the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee on 4 April 2023. It is understood that the decisions of the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee will be considered by Cabinet imminently.
4. Counsel anticipates that full details of Cabinet's decision will be available by the time that the Crown is due, on 28 April 2023, to provide the Tribunal with a further updating memorandum on Crown concessions and acknowledgements. Accordingly, the Crown proposes a direction that the Crown is to include in its 28 April memorandum details of Cabinet's decision (assuming that it is then available).

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TO: The Registrar, Waitangi Tribunal

AND TO: Claimant Counsel

¹ Wai 2500, #2.5.85.

² Wai 2500, #3.1.693.