



**MINUTE 19**

**DIRECTIONS ON MĀORI EXPERIENCE PUBLIC HEARING**

**TŌ MURI TE PŌ ROA,  
TĒRĀ A POKOPOKO WHITI-TE-RĀ**

**22 FEBRUARY 2022**

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- 1 This Minute sets out directions on the Royal Commission of Inquiry's upcoming public hearing into Māori experiences of abuse in care. It relates only to this hearing. [Practice Note 6 - Public Hearings](#) sets out further directions on public hearings.

**Name of Hearing**

- 2 This hearing is being co-hosted with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei who have gifted the hearing the name "Tō muri te pō roa, tērā a Pokopoko Whiti-te-rā." This refers to hope and healing for survivors of abuse in care, after years of darkness.

**Tikanga**

- 3 As the hearing is being hosted by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei in their tupuna whare, Tumutumuhenua, tikanga will be practiced throughout the hearing in accordance with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei kawa (protocols).

**Chair of Hearing**

- 4 The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioner Erueti and Commissioner Steenson.

## **Location and Timetabling**

- 5 The Hearing will commence on Monday 7 March 2022.
- 6 The Hearing was due to take place in person at Ōrākei Marae, 59B Kitemoana Street, Ōrākei, Auckland.
- 7 However, due to the current community outbreak of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, the hearing will be held online and will be livestreamed on the Royal Commission website from Ōrākei Marae.
- 8 On Monday 7 March the hearing will begin with a pōwhiri starting at 10:00 am. The pōwhiri will also be held online and will be livestreamed on the Royal Commission website.
- 9 The hearing is scheduled to go for 10 days and will run from 9.30am to 5:00pm with a lunch break between 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm. Further directions in relation to timetabling may be made by the Chair.
- 10 A proposed hearing schedule is attached to this Minute at Appendix A. This hearing schedule may be subject to change.

## **Opening and closing statements**

- 11 Subject to any changes directed by the Inquiry:
  - a. Counsel for each core participant is permitted a maximum of 10 minutes at the commencement of the hearing to make an opening statement.
  - b. This will occur directly after the opening statement of Counsel Assisting the Commission.
  - c. Should Counsel for core participants wish to make oral closing submissions, they should file an application to do so no later than Monday 28 February 2022.
  - d. Should Counsel for core participants wish to file written closing submissions, they should be filed no later than 5pm Thursday 17 March 2022.

## **Directions relating to questioning of witnesses**

- 12 Practice Note 6 - Public Hearings sets out the process for applications for leave to question witnesses. All witnesses at the hearing are survivors. Accordingly, pursuant to practice note 6 exceptional reasons are required to ask questions of them. Any application to question witnesses must be made no later than Monday 28 February 2022, for it to be determined by the Chair before the hearing commences.

## Protocol for document management in hearing

- 13 The Inquiry will be using hearing presentation technology to enhance access to documents referred to at the public hearing, making this more accessible to all participants, including the public via livestreaming.
- 14 If a participant wishes any words, paragraphs, sections or other parts of any document to be highlighted when displayed on the screen, they must clearly be identified to the Inquiry when providing the document. Communications relating to this should be addressed to the Inquiry's Evidence Management team at [evidence.management@abuseincare.org.nz](mailto:evidence.management@abuseincare.org.nz).
- 15 Should a matter arise during the course of the hearing that results in a participant wishing to have any further document/s displayed electronically on the screen, the Inquiry will make all reasonable endeavours to facilitate that. Participants are requested to provide as much notice as possible, and a minimum of 24 hours' notice is requested.
- 16 Any document that is shown at the hearing through presentation technology will be taken to be provided on the basis the full document (ie, not just the part displayed on the screen) can be made publicly available on the Inquiry's website at the conclusion of that witness's evidence, subject to a minimum 72-hour delay (at the sole discretion of the Inquiry) to ensure compliance with any s 15 orders or agreed redactions.

## Section 15 Inquiries Act Orders

- 17 The Inquiry has issued a [General Restriction Order](#) and [Practice Note - Section 15 Orders - Anonymity and Redactions](#) reissued on 2 September 2020. The provisions in those documents apply. They are publicly available on the Inquiry website.
- 18 Parties may apply for s 15 orders if they consider that necessary. These applications should be received no later than 28 February 2022 to enable time for consideration by the Inquiry and any additional orders to be issued prior to the commencement of the hearing.

For the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions



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**Chair**

22 February 2022

## Appendix A – Proposed Hearing Schedule

WITNESS	START TIME
<b>Day 1 – Monday 7 March 2022</b>	
Pōwhiri Opening Ceremony by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Opening statements – Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission and Core Participants	10.00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Tupua Urlich (AVL)	2:15pm – 3:45pm
Ihorangi Reweti-Peters (AVL)	3:45pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 2 – Tuesday 8 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Ms AG, Ms AH, Mr AI, Ms AJ, Ms AK (AVL)	10:00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Glenda Maihi (AVL)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 3 – Wednesday 9 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Ms AF (AVL)	10:00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Ms AE (AVL & Pre-Record)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 4 – Thursday 10 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Tumohe Clarke (AVL & Pre-Record)	10:00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Ms NN (Pre-Record)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 5 – Friday 11 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Hohepa Tairoa (AVL & Pre-Record)	10:00am – 11:30am
Te Aroha Knox (AVL & Pre-Record)	11:45am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Karanui whānau (AVL & Pre-Record)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 6 – Monday 14 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am

Paora Sweeney (AVL)	10:00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Wiremu Waikari (AVL)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 7 – Tuesday 15 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Harry Tutahi (Pre-record)	10:00am – 1.00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Waiana Kotara (AVL)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 8 –Wednesday 16 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Mr MM (AVL & Pre-record)	10:00am – 1.00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Natasha Emery (AVL & Pre-record)	2:15pm – 5:00pm
<b>Day 9 – Thursday 17 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Harris Whānau (Te Enga Harris, Mereani Harris and Joyce Harris, Stuart Harris) (pre-recording)	10:00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Rev. Dinah Lambert (AVL)	2:15pm – 5.00pm
<b>Day 10 – Friday 18 March 2022</b>	
Opening Karakia/Waiata	9:30am – 10:00am
Closing Panel – Paora Moyle, Gary Williams, Tupua Urlich, Denise Messiter and Hera Clarke (Facilitator: Professor Tracey McIntosh)	10:00am – 1:00pm
Kai a te rānui	1:00pm – 2:15pm
Closing statements and mihi whakawātea	2:15pm – 3:30pm