



# Abuse in Care

Royal Commission of Inquiry

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## MINUTE 13

### NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL INTEREST OF COMMISSIONER ERUETI IN PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCING 3 MAY 2021

20 April 2021

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1. The first public hearing of the investigation into abuse at Children's State Residences will proceed on 3 May 2021. It is intended that Commissioner Anaru Erueti will sit on the Panel of Commissioners presiding at the hearing.
2. In May 2019 Commissioner Erueti declared his work on the WAI 2615 claim before the Waitangi Tribunal as a potential conflict of interest. A Conflict of Interest Management Plan was prepared and approved by the Inquiry's former Chair Sir Anand Satyanand on 31 May 2019, and by the current Chair Judge Coral Shaw on 17 December 2020.
3. One of the witnesses who will give oral evidence at this upcoming hearing is a named claimant in WAI 2615 and as such had a close association with Commissioner Erueti.
4. Core participants are invited to provide submissions indicating their consent or otherwise to the involvement of Commissioner Erueti at the hearing by email to: [solicitorassisting@abuseincare.org.nz](mailto:solicitorassisting@abuseincare.org.nz) by 5pm on 23 April 2021.
5. In the event a core participant does not consent to Commissioner Erueti's involvement, a final decision will be made by the Chair having regard to the submissions made.

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Judge Coral Shaw  
**Chair**