

27 May 2026

REF: OIA 88552

Mark Thomson

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Tēnā koe Mark

Request for Official Information: Wai 1896 records request

I refer to your correspondence of 11 May 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"the records, assessments, analyses, correspondence and decision-making documents relating to Crown consideration of WAI 1896 in relation to overlapping settlement negotiations, mandate recognition processes, and territorial interests identified within the Statement of Claim."

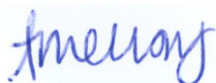
The Office of Treaty Settlements and Takutai Moana – Te Tari Whakatau is currently preparing a response to your request. The OIA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision under section 15A of the OIA. We will provide you with a response by 22 June.

This extension is necessary because your request requires a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or phone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please contact Sonya Wynne, Senior Analyst, at sonya.wynne@whakatau.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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