

Wai 2358: National Fresh Water and Geothermal Resources Inquiry

Pre-hearing form

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| When to use this formFill in this form to request funding relating to the following activities as part of the Waitangi Tribunal’s Wai 2358 stage 3 inquiry:* evidence preparation, including preparatory hui
* research.

You can request funding for:* a claimant in Wai 2358
* a member of a claimant group or their support people. Up to three support people per claimant or claimant witness for the claimant group participating in a Tribunal event can be funded
* interested parties in Wai 2358 (including their witnesses and support people).

Please note that we will try our best to accommodate your request, but this is subject to availability. We recommend that you send your request at least one month prior to your preparatory hui. |

Email your completed form, and any queries about claimant funding to claimantfunding@mfe.govt.nz.

## Privacy statement

We collect personal information from you, including your name, contact and bank account details. We collect this so we have all the information we need to process your application. We will use this information only for the purpose of processing your claim for reimbursement.

You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, and to ask for it to be corrected if you think it is wrong. If you’d like to ask for a copy of your information, or to have it corrected, please email claimantfunding@mfe.govt.nz.

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| A: Research requestUse this form to apply for funding for research projects. The Ministry for the Environment will consider requests from claimants to fund research to support their claims. This will involve:* considering whether the research has a clear link to the claim
* working with the Waitangi Tribunal and claimants to identify the research topic, determine whether the research is useful, and decide who should fund the research (the Tribunal or the Ministry for the Environment).
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| B: Evidence preparation requestUse this form to apply for funding to help you prepare evidence. The Ministry for the Environment will fund the actual and reasonable costs of holding preparatory hui for claimants and claimant witnesses preparing for Waitangi Tribunal events. This will include:* funding members within a claimant group and claimant witnesses to travel to and from preparatory hui (subject to the same criteria as attending Tribunal events – <https://environment.govt.nz/te-ao-maori/the-treaty-and-the-ministry/claimant-funding/reimbursement-for-claimants>)
* venue hire
* audio-visual equipment hire
* catering
* up to three support people per claimant group. More support people can be funded where reasonable.

Additional costs will be considered on a case-by-case basis through discussion with claimants. |

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| Applicant details |
| **Name** | Click to enter text. |
| **Address** | Click to enter text. |
| **Phone number** | Click to enter text. |
| **Email address** | Click to enter text. |

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| Claim details |
| **Are you a:** | [ ]  Member of a claimant group[ ]  An interested party[ ]  Lawyer acting on behalf of a claimant |
| **Wai number** | Click to enter text. |
| **Name of interested party** | Click to enter text. |
| **Law firm acting on your behalf, or note if you are representing yourself** | Click to enter text. |

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| A: Research request |
| **What type of research are you seeking funding for?** | [ ]  Scoping reports[ ]  Contextual/tūāpapa reports[ ]  Overview reports[ ]  Gap-filling reports[ ]  Other – please provide further informationClick to enter text. |
| **Who is conducting the research?** |
| **Name of researcher** | Click to enter text. |
| **Names of research assistants** | Click to enter text.Click to enter text.Click to enter text. |
| **How many hours of research do you expect to do?** | Click to enter text. |
| **Do you need access to any facilities (eg, labs)?** | Click to enter text. |
| **What quality assurance processes will you include?** | Click to enter text. |
| **Details of the research** |
| **Outline your research proposal** | Click to enter text. |
| **To your knowledge, does this type of research already exist?** | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| **If yes, list the relevant research** | Click to enter text. |
| B: Evidence preparation request |
| **What kind of preparation do you need?** | [ ]  Preparatory hui for witnesses[ ]  Claimant/tangata whenua evidence[ ]  Expert evidence |
| **Has legal aid declined your request for an expert witness?** | [ ]  No – please provide further information on why you are requesting funding.[ ]  If yes – please provide a brief description of the expert witness.Click to enter text. |
| **What facilities do you need for your hui?** | Click to enter text. |
| **Do you need a hired venue?** | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| **How long do you need it for?** | Click to enter text. |
| **What type of venue do you need (eg, marae, RSA hall, community hall)?** | Click to enter text. |
| **Cost (include the invoice or quote with your application)** | Click to enter text. |
| **Do you need to hire audio-visual equipment?** | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| **Cost (include the invoice or quote with your application)** | Click to enter text. |
| **Do you need catering for your hui?** | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| **Cost (include the invoice or quote with your application)** | Click to enter text. |
| **Additional costs (these will be considered on a case-by-case basis)** | Click to enter text. |

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