



Wai 2358: National Fresh Water and Geothermal Resources Inquiry

Pre-hearing form

When to use this form

Fill 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.

A: Research request

Use 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).

B: Evidence preparation request

Use 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.

Applicant details

Name	
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	

Claim details

Are you a:	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of a claimant group <input type="checkbox"/> An interested party <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer acting on behalf of a claimant
Wai number	

Name of interested party	
Law firm acting on your behalf, or note if you are representing yourself	

A: Research request	
What type of research are you seeking funding for?	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoping reports <input type="checkbox"/> Contextual/tūāpapa reports <input type="checkbox"/> Overview reports <input type="checkbox"/> Gap-filling reports <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please provide further information
Who is conducting the research?	
Name of researcher	
Names of research assistants	
How many hours of research do you expect to do?	
Do you need access to any facilities (eg, labs)?	
What quality assurance processes will you include?	
Details of the research	
Outline your research proposal	
To your knowledge, does this type of research already exist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list the relevant research	

B: Evidence preparation request

What kind of preparation do you need?	<input type="checkbox"/> Preparatory hui for witnesses <input type="checkbox"/> Claimant/tangata whenua evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Expert evidence
Has legal aid declined your request for an expert witness?	<input type="checkbox"/> No – please provide further information on why you are requesting funding. <input type="checkbox"/> If yes – please provide a brief description of the expert witness.
What facilities do you need for your hui?	
Do you need a hired venue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
How long do you need it for?	
What type of venue do you need (eg, marae, RSA hall, community hall)?	
Cost (include the invoice or quote with your application)	
Do you need to hire audio-visual equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cost (include the invoice or quote with your application)	
Do you need catering for your hui?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cost (include the invoice or quote with your application)	
Additional costs (these will be considered on a case-by-case basis)	

