

# WAITANGI TRIBUNAL APPLICATION FOR MEDIA COVERAGE

To the chairperson/presiding officer:



1. We request permission to:

- (a) film for television
  - (b) take still photographs for
  - (c) record for the purpose of radio
- the following proceedings:

Event name \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled start date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Particularise the purpose and extent of the proposed recording:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Expected dates of coverage \_\_\_\_\_

4. [In the case of television or radio] Name of programme or programmes in which the film or recording may be used

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. The following conditions of coverage should apply:

- (a) Waitangi Tribunal Practice Note  
Guide to Practice and Procedure section 5:14 (as attached)
- (b) The presiding officer's ruling or the Standard Conditions for Media Coverage

**Applicant information:**

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of (media entry) \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Office Use Only**

Approved     Declined

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Waitangi Tribunal Practice Note - *Guide to the Practice and Procedure of the Waitangi Tribunal - 2023* - "6.40 Requests from the media or individuals to record or use recordings of hearings", page 44-45

Available from: <https://waitangitribunal.govt.nz/en/claims-process/about-the-claims-process/guide-to-practice-and-procedure>

#### **REQUESTS FROM THE MEDIA OR INDIVIDUALS TO RECORD OR USE RECORDINGS OF HEARINGS**

- 6.40** The Tribunal usually livestreams its hearings. The Tribunal may permit the media and individuals to record proceedings and, in the case of the media, to broadcast them via news and current affairs programmes and articles. The Tribunal may impose constraints on how those authorised may use those recordings.
- 6.41** Media organisations and individuals seeking to record and/or broadcast Tribunal proceedings (or to access or record the Tribunal's livestream of a hearing) must first seek the approval of the Presiding Officer of the inquiry concerned. This is done by submitting an application form available on the Tribunal website,<sup>47</sup> or from Tribunal staff during hearings. The completed form can be emailed to the Registrar at [w.t.Registrar@justice.govt.nz](mailto:w.t.Registrar@justice.govt.nz) or handed directly to Tribunal staff at hearings. If possible, requests should be submitted at least one working day before the date on which the recording is to be made; late requests may not be granted.
- 6.42** Applications are granted on the following basis:
- (a)** The Presiding Officer must give prior approval before any recording is made. The Presiding Officer may advise those at the hearing of the presence of media, the recording of the hearing or use of livestream footage.
  - (b)** The recording must comply with all relevant Tribunal directions, including any directions that limit the use of, and access to, particular evidence or submissions.
  - (c)** The recording must be carried out in such a way that it does not interfere with the conduct of the proceedings, the confidentiality of discussions amongst Tribunal members and Tribunal staff, or the confidentiality of counsel's discussions with each other and with clients and witnesses.
  - (d)** The recording must be used in a way that gives an accurate, impartial, and balanced coverage of the proceedings and the parties and other persons involved.
  - (e)** Witnesses may object to having their image or their testimony, or both, recorded. If necessary, the objection will be determined by the Presiding Officer or Chairperson.
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- 6.43** While those involved in proceedings may make statements to the media in the course of the proceedings, the Tribunal urges caution and restraint so that what may be sensitive situations surrounding Tribunal inquiries are not inflamed.