

Appendix D: Potential options for managing the overlapping claim issues relating to the Rangitīkei River

| Option | Potential Advantages | Potential Disadvantages |
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| <i>Option 1: Do not hold joint hearings</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid the potential complications associated with joint hearing and report writing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require claimants with overlapping interests to continue participating in two inquiries. Will not benefit from the potential efficiencies associated with joint hearing and/or reporting. |
| <i>Option 2: Limit joint hearings to oral and traditional evidence only</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid the potential complications associated with joint hearing and report writing. Could be run like a ngā korero tuku iho hearing, with which the Tribunal is well experienced. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require claimants with overlapping interests to continue participating in two inquiries. Will not fully benefit from the potential efficiencies associated with joint hearing and/or reporting. |
| <i>Option 3: Joint hearings with separate reporting</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid the potential complications associated with joint report writing. Gain potential benefits from the efficiencies associated with joint hearings. Prevent overlapping claimants from having to participate in two inquiries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint hearings potentially introduce additional complications around timing, readiness, procedure, evidence, and conflicts of interest. Will not benefit from the potential efficiencies associated with joint reporting. |
| <i>Option 4: Joint hearings with a shared chapter of findings and recommendations</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain potential benefits from the efficiencies associated with joint hearing and reporting. Prevent overlapping claimants from having to participate in two inquiries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint hearings potentially introduce additional complications around timing, readiness, procedure, evidence, and conflicts of interest. Joint reporting potentially introduces additional complications around readiness/availability, complexity, and resourcing. |
| <i>Option 5: Joint hearings with a separate joint report on the Rangitīkei River</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain potential benefits from the efficiencies associated with joint hearing and reporting. Prevent overlapping claimants from having to participate in two inquiries. Avoids some of the issues associated with a shared report chapter. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint hearings potentially introduce additional complications around timing, readiness, procedure, evidence, and conflicts of interest. Joint reporting potentially introduces additional complications around readiness/availability, complexity, and resourcing. May expand in scope into a large report. It may be difficult or inappropriate to separate Rangitīkei River issues from other claim issues. |