

SC 30/2025: PEKA (for ESTATE of IDA HAWKINS) v TE HEI AGREED CHRONOLOGY

Date	Event	COA Ref
18 June 1987	Ida Hawkins' daughter, Colleen Burrows, is killed by Sam Te Hei and a co-offender.	
1 Aug 1987	Criminal Justice Amendment Act (1987 (No 3) enters into force.	
19 Nov 1987	Mr Te Hei and co-offender are convicted of Ms Burrows' murder.	
1998-2001	Mr Te Hei held under Behaviour Management Regime (BMR) at Auckland Prison; BMR held unlawful, in breach of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and requiring damages in <i>Taunoa v A-G</i> , 2004-2007.	
4 June 2005	Prisoners' and Victims' Claims Act 2005 (PVC Act), passed in response to <i>Taunoa</i> first instance decision/awards, enters into force.	
April 2018	Mr Te Hei is released on parole after serving more than 30 years in prison	
14 Aug 2020	Mr Te Hei accepts Attorney General's offer of compensation of \$17,664.00 for BMR placement in breach of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act.	
24 Aug 2020	Compensation of \$17,664.00 is paid under PVC Act into Ministry of Justice's Victims' Claims trust account to permit any victims' claims. ¹	101.0001
6 Nov 2020	Mrs Hawkins lodges a victim's claim under the PVC Act with the support of a victim advocate; acknowledged 16 November.	101.0002
8 March 2021	Date for filing victims' claims against payment into trust expires. No other claims made.	

¹ The PVC Act permits (s 6) victims' claims in respect of offences committed before or after entry into force against Bill of Rights Act and other specified compensation and (s 64) suspends limitation periods during imprisonment.

Date	Event	COA Ref
10 May 2021	Mr Te Hei files submissions opposing Mrs Hawkins' claim.	101.0010
17 June 2021	Mrs Hawkins files affidavit and submissions in reply.	101.0026 101.0030
26 July 2021	Mr Te Hei files supplementary submission.	101.0080
10 Nov 2021	Victims' Special Claims Tribunal (Tribunal) (Judge CS Blackie) determines claim without a hearing and orders \$15,000 be paid to Mrs Hawkins for emotional harm. The Tribunal does not uphold a claim for exemplary damages.	05.0050
13 June 2022	High Court hearing.	
30 Nov 2022	High Court overturns Tribunal's decision and dismisses Mrs Hawkins' cross appeal seeking exemplary damages.	05.0059
4 June 2024	Court of Appeal hearing.	
20 July 2024	Mrs Hawkins dies.	
13 Nov 2024	Tracey Peka is substituted as appellant as personal representative of Ida Hawkins' estate.	
26 Feb 2025	Court of Appeal allows appeal in part and refers Mrs Hawkins' claim back to the Tribunal for reconsideration in light of its judgment.	05.0080
5 Mar 2025	Tracey Peka applies for leave to appeal to this Court on behalf of Mrs Hawkins' estate.	05.0001
21 May 2025	Mr Te Hei applies for leave to cross appeal.	05.0005
25 Aug 2025	Supreme Court grants leave to appeal and, in part, cross appeal.	05.0016

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