

IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON REGISTRY

No: CIV: 2017-485-252

UNDER THE

Marine and Coastal Area
(Takutai Moana) Act 2011,
Section 98 and 100

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **James
Henare Te Tuhi**, on behalf of
Te Popoto, for orders
recognising Customary Marine
Title and Protected Customary
Rights

**Amended Originating Application on Notice
for Recognition Orders Pursuant to the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai
Moana) Act 2011
Date: 10 April 2017**

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To the Registrar of the **High Court** at Wellington

And

To the **Kaipara District Council** and the **Solicitor-General** on behalf of the Attorney General

This document notifies you that —

1. The applicant **James Henare Te Tuhi** (“the Applicant”) will, on 3 April 2017, apply to the Court for Recognition Orders under s 98 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (“the Act”).
2. The Applicant will seek a Recognition Order for Customary Marine Title (“CMT Order”) under the requirements of s 58 of the Act.
3. The Applicant will seek to include the recognition of wāhi tapu and wāhi tapu areas in any CMT Order made pursuant to s 78 of the Act.
4. The Applicants will seek a Recognition Order for Protected Customary Rights (“PCR Order”) under the requirements of s 51(1) of the Act.

The Applicant Group

5. The Applicant Group is Te Popoto ki Oturei and the descendants of Aperahama Taonui (“the Applicant Group”). They are a hapu of Nga Puhi.
6. The Applicant Group is located in Uakura and in Oturei on the west coast of the North Island of New Zealand.

Representative of Applicant Group

7. The person who will be the representative of the Applicant Group and the holder of any Court Order is James Te Tuhi.

Contact Details

8. The contact details for the Applicant are as follows:
 - i. Telephone number: 09 439 1545;
 - ii. Mailing Address: **27** Clean Street, Te Kopuru; or
 - iii. Email: **t2e@xtra.co.nz**

9. Contact details for Te Popoto ki Oturei are as follows:
 - i. Telephone Number: c/o Mrs W Mrkusich, 09 439 5913; or
 - ii. Mailing Address: Oturei Settlement Road, Aoroa.

Affidavit in Support of Application

10. An affidavit by James Henare Te Tuhi in support of this application is **attached** ("the Affidavit").

Specific Area to which Application Relates

11. The common marine and coastal area to which this application relates is situated on the west coast of the North Island starting at Ouepu in the north, then down to the Waitetaha Stream in the south, and extending 12 nautical miles seaward ("the Specified Area").

12. **Attached** to this application and marked '**A**' is a map of the Specified Area.

Grounds for CMT Application

13. Prior to 1873, the Specified Area was held by Te Uri o Hau in accordance with their tikanga.

14. In 1873 the Specified Area was gifted by rangatira of Te Uri o Hau to Aperahama Taonui, a Te Popoto rangatira, in accordance with tikanga.

15. Te Popoto has since held the Specified Area in accordance with tikanga and have exclusively used and occupied the area from the time of the gifting to the present day without substantial interruption.

16. Title to the Specified Area has not been extinguished as a matter of law.
17. Further grounds in support of the CMT application are contained in the Affidavit and include that:
 - a. Te Popoto members own lands abutting the Specified Area and have done so, without substantial interruption, from 1873 to the present day; and
 - b. Te Popoto and its members exercise non-commercial customary fishing rights in the Specified Area, and have done so from 1873 to the present day.

Wāhi Tapu

18. Various wāhi tapu and wāhi tapu areas of importance to the Applicant Group are located within the Specified Area.
19. If this application for a CMT recognition Order is successful, the Applicant Group will seek to include recognition of these wāhi tapu as part of the Order under s 78 of the Act.
20. For the purposes of this application, the Applicant Group reserves the right to apply for the inclusion of additional wāhi tapu with any CMT Order that may be granted where knowledge of the additional wāhi tapu is gained by the Applicant Group as a result of consultation with any Pūkenga appointed by the Court, or as a result of any historical research that is commissioned in relation to the making of the application for a CMT Order.

Protected Customary Rights

Kaitiakitanga

1. The Applicant Group have practiced kaitiaki responsibilities in and around the Specified Area.
2. The kaitiaki role involves, in part, the passing on of Maori lore and ecological wisdom to the younger generations

3. The kaitiaki role of the Applicant Group also involves conservation, protection and supervision of the Specified Area.

Toheroa Gathering and Protection

21. Toheroa is a triangular shaped, edible mollusc found only in New Zealand.
22. The Applicant Group gathers Toheroa as a food source for non-commercial purposes and as a rongoa (medicine).
23. The Applicant Group also protect and manage the toheroa in the Specified Area.

Pīngao Gathering and Protection

24. A customary right practiced by Te Popoto involves the gathering of pīngao from in and around the Specified Area for weaving.
25. The Applicant Group preserve the pīngao because it assists with the incubation of toheroa spats.

Grounds for Protected Customary Rights Application

26. The Protected Customary Rights described above:
 - a. have been exercised since the time of the gifting of the land in 1873;
 - b. continue to be exercised by members of Te Popoto in accordance with tikanga; and
 - c. have not been extinguished as a matter of law.

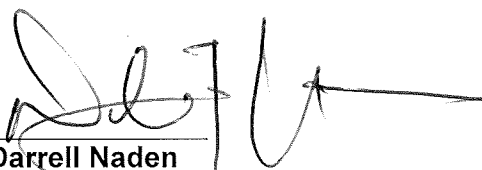
Memorandum

This document is filed by **Darrell Naden**, Solicitor for the Applicant Group, of the firm Tamaki Legal Limited. The address for service of the Applicant Group is at the offices of Tamaki Legal Limited, AMI Building, 15 Osterley Way, Auckland,

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Date: 10 April 2017



Darrell Naden
Solicitor for the Applicant