In the High Court of New Zealand Wellington Registry

CW-2017-485-290

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In the matter of

the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

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An applications by the trustees of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa for and on behalf of Te Rarawa for orders recognising protected customary rights and customary marine title under Section 100(1) of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 Act.

Originating application for recognition orders under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

Dated 3 April 2017



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To: The Registrar of the High Court at Wellington

And to: The Solicitor-General on behalf of the Attorney-General

And to: The Far North District Council and the Northland Regional Council.

THIS DOCUMENT NOTIFIES YOU THAT-

The applicants will at am/pm apply to the Court under section 100(1) of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 ('the Act'), for recognition orders made under section 98(1) for:

- a Protected customary rights over the area covered by this application (the 'Application Area'); and
- b Customary marine title over the Application Area.

APPLICANTS

- The applicant group is the iwi of Te Rarawa, and are more particularly described in the affidavit of Haami Piripi dated 3 April 2017.
- The applicant group is represented by the trustees of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa ('Rūnanga'), who are the applicants in this application. The Rūnanga is a trust settlement body established for the purpose of the Treaty Settlement entered into between Te Rarawa and the Crown by way of a Deed of Settlement dated 28 October 2012.
- A copy of the Deed by which this trust was established is attached to and marked as Attachment 'A' to the affidavit of Haami Piripi dated 3 April 2017.

THE APPLICATION AREA

The Application Area is that part of Common Marine and Coastal Area (as defined by the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011), from Hukatere, south to the Hokianga harbour, out to 12 nautical miles. It encompasses the northern coastlines of the Hokianga harbour and the coastlines of the Whāngāpe and Herekino Harbours, as described in paragraphs 26 to 30 of the affidavit of Haami Piripi dated 3 April 2017.

The Application Area is shown on a map attached to and marked as Attachment 'D' to that affidavit.

GROUNDS FOR APPLICATION

- 7 The grounds on which each recognition order is sought are as follows:
 - a The applicant seeks an order recognising its protected customary rights as it satisfies the requirements for such an order, under section 51(1) of the Act.

 The applicant:
 - i Has exercised its customary rights since 1840;
 - ii Continues to exercise its rights in the Marine and Coastal Area in accordance with tikanga in either exactly the same or a similar way, or in a way that has evolved over time;
 - iii Is applying for rights that have not been extinguished as a matter of law; and
 - iv On the further grounds set out in the affidavit Haami Piripi dated 3 April 2017.
 - b The applicant seeks an order recognising its customary marine title over the Marine and Coastal Area as it satisfies the requirements for such an order under section 58 of the Act. The applicant:
 - i Holds the Application Area in accordance with tikanga;
 - ii Has exclusively used and occupied the Application Area from 1840 to the present, without substantial interruption to that use and occupation;
 - iii Have exercised non-commercial customary fishing rights in the Marine and Coastal Area, and have done so from 1840 to the present day; and
 - iv Have owned land abutting the Marine and Coastal Area, and have done so, without substantial interruption, from 1840 to the present day; and
 - v Is applying for rights that have not been extinguished as a matter of law; and
 - vi On the further grounds set out in the affidavit Haami Piripi dated 3 April 2017.

APPLICATION MADE IN RELIANCE

- 8 The application is made in reliance on:
 - a Sections 51(1), 58, 59, 94, 98, 100, 101 and 107 of the Act;
 - b The affidavit of Haami Piripi dated 3 April 2017 in support of this application; and
 - c Further evidence to be filed on behalf of the applicant.

CONTACT DETAILS

9 The contact details for the applicants and the party named to hold the orders is:

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ORDERS SOUGHT

- The applicant respectfully seeks the following orders:
 - a Recognising that the Trustees of the Rūnanga, for and on behalf of the applicant iwi has protected customary rights in, and customary marine title over, the Marine and Coastal Area;
 - b Setting out that recognition be made in the name of Trustees of the Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa;
 - c That Trustees of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa are named as the holder of the protected customary rights and customary marine title orders; and
 - d Costs in the event that this applicant is opposed by any other party.

Date 3 April 2017.

Deborah Edmunds

Solicitor / Counsel for the Applicant

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