

**IN THE HIGH COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND CIV-2017-485-398**  
**WHANGAREI REGISTRY**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

the Marine and Coastal  
Area (Takutai Moana) Act  
2011 ("the Act")

**AND IN THE MATTER OF**

an application by **LOUISA  
TE MATEKINO  
COLLIER** for an order  
recognising Customary  
Marine Title and Protected  
Customary Rights.

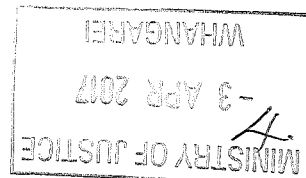
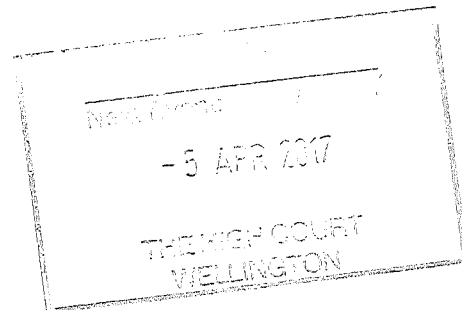
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**APPLICATION BY LOUISA TE MATEKINO COLLIER  
FOR RECOGNITION ORDERS PURSUANT TO THE MARINE  
AND COASTAL AREA (TAKUTAI MOANA) ACT 2011**

Dated: 3 April 2017

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**To:** The Registrar of the High Court at Whangarei;

**and to:** Far North District Council, Whangarei City Council,  
Northland Regional Council, and Auckland City Council;

**and to:** Department of Conservation and the Ministry for the  
Environment;

**and to:** The Solicitor General on behalf of the Attorney-General.

**This document notifies you that:**

1. I, LOUISA TE MATEKINO COLLIER, apply to the High Court for orders pursuant to s 98 of the Act to recognise the customary marine title (“Title”) and protected customary rights (“PCRs”) of Ngati Kawau and Te Waiariki Korora (“the Applicants”) in the Marine and Coastal Area (“the MCA”) as defined in paragraph [4] below (“the Title Area”) in Whangarei and Whangaroa and the adjacent coastline.

**The Applicant Group:**

2. The Applicants claim ownership of the Title Area based on the whakapapa set out at paragraph [11] of the Affidavit of Louisa Te Matekino Collier, sworn on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.
3. I was appointed to make this application for and on behalf of the Applicants on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Area to which the application relates:**

4. The area to which this Application relates is that area of the MCA, as defined in the Act, adjoining the area belonging to Te Whare Tapū o Ngapuhi, from the Bombay Hills extending out to either coast, and extending upwards to Te Rerenga Wairua/Cape Reinga (“the Title Area”).

**Grounds on which the customary marine title and protected customary rights are sought:**

5. The grounds on which these orders are sought are that:
  - a. the Applicants have held and exercised tino rangatiratanga over the Title Area in accordance with tikanga since before 1840; and
  - b. the Applicants have exclusively used and occupied the Title Area from 1840 to the present day without substantial interruption.
6. The purposes for which the activities, uses and practices (“the Practices”) were and are carried on, exercised and followed include:
  - a. the exercise of rangatiratanga;
  - b. the exercise of kaitiakitanga, including:
    - i. protecting kawau; and
    - ii. protecting sea lions and other sea creatures;
  - c. commercial and non-commercial fishing, including fishing for:
    - i. blue cod;
    - ii. moki;
    - iii. hoki;
    - iv. kawhai;
    - v. trevally;
    - vi. John dory;
    - vii. Teraki;
    - viii. blue nose;
    - ix. kingfish;

- x. trumpeter;
  - xi. hapuka;
  - xii. snapper;
  - xiii. marlin;
  - xiv. sailfish;
  - xv. shark;
  - xvi. toheroa;
  - xvii. whale;
  - xviii. ling sole;
  - xix. flounder;
  - xx. tuna;
  - xxi. eels;
  - xxii. hake;
  - xxiii. groper;
  - xxiv. mullet; and
  - xxv. squid;
- d. commercial and non-commercial harvesting of shellfish or kaimoana, including:
- i. scallops;
  - ii. mussels;
  - iii. oysters;
  - iv. pipis;
  - v. paua;
  - vi. lobster;
  - vii. crab;
  - viii. tuatua;
  - ix. cockles; and
  - x. clams;
- e. activities related to spiritual practices;
- f. use as tauranga waka;
- g. gathering edible and aquatic plants, including:

- i. flax;
    - ii. tī kouka;
    - iii. pingao; and
    - iv. seaweed;
  - h. extraction of fossils, rocks and minerals, including:
    - i. stones;
    - ii. shingle;
    - iii. sand;
    - iv. pumice;
    - v. semi-precious stones; and
    - vi. other minerals;
  - i. kauta or temporary camp-sites;
  - j. toka ika or protected fishing grounds;
  - k. associated Practices, including:
    - i. protecting kawau and other sea creatures;
    - ii. collecting shells;
    - iii. collecting drift wood;
    - iv. collecting whale and whale bones; and
    - v. taking flotsam, jetsam and langam;
  - l. further uses and Practices to be the subject of evidence once funding for research and legal representation is secured.
- 7. The Applicants have undertaken these Practices since time immemorial and before 1840, and continue to undertake these Practices in the Title Area, albeit, in some instances using modern equipment, and in accordance with tikanga.
- 8. The Applicants will provide more information once funding for research and legal representation is secured.

9. The Applicants hold and exercise, in accordance with tikanga, tino rangatiratanga over the Title Area as particularised herein. The tikanga integral to the Applicants governing these Practices will be provided in the evidence from the Applicants to be given at a hearing once funding for research and legal representation is secured.
  
10. The orders for which the Applicants seek recognition are sought relying upon the Practices which:
  - a. have been and continue to be carried on, exercised and followed in accordance with tikanga, in a substantially uninterrupted manner since 1840 in the Title Area;
  - b. if interrupted since 1840, then this has only been by unlawful interruption or interference, and in a substantially uninterrupted manner;
  - c. are not prohibited by any enactment or rule of law; and
  - d. have not been extinguished as a matter of law.
  
11. The Applicants respectfully seek leave to reserve the right to amend this Application, including; amending its nature and scope; and, by adding additional parties.

**Contact Details:**

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13. This application relies on s 51(1), s 58, s 98-113 of the Act and the affidavit of LOUISA TE MATEKINO COLLIER dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

Dated at Whangarei on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Collier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**LOUISA TE MATEKINO COLLIER**

