

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA
WHANGANUI ROHE**

**CIV-2011-485-797
Continued ...**

UNDER the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011-

IN THE MATTER OF an application for orders recognising Customary Marine Title and Protected Customary Rights

BY NGĀTI MANUHIKAI HAPŪ
First Named Applicant

ŌKAHU-INUAWAI ME ETEHI ATU
HAPŪ
Second Named Applicant

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Hearing: On the papers

Appearances: E Rongo for Kanihi-Umutahi, Ōkahu-Inuawai and Ngāti Manuhiakai
L Black for Ngāti Tū and Araukuuku Hapū
D Edmunds for Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust
D Bullock for Ngāti Hāua Hapū, Ngāruahinerangi
T Bennion for Ngāti Tamaahuroa and Titahi Hapū and Oeo Pa Trustees
J Inns for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust
M Wikaira for Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust
A Irwin for Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi and Ngāti Mutunga
G Melvin and Hussein for the Attorney-General

Minute: 22 October 2024

MINUTE OF HARVEY J

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CIV-2011-485-803
CIV-2011-485-814
CIV-2017-485-210
CIV-2017-485-213
CIV-2017-485-243
CIV-2017-485-293
CIV-2017-485-300
CIV-2017-485-282
CIV-2017-485-183
CIV-2017-485-212
CIV-2017-485-215
CIV-2017-485-310
CIV-2017-485-534

AND

KANIHI-UMUTAHI ME ETAHI HAPŪ
Third Named Applicant

ARAUKUUKU HAPŪ
Fourth Named Applicant

NGĀTI TŪ HAPŪ
Fifth Named Applicant

TE KOROWAI O NGĀRUAHINE TRUST
Sixth Named Defendant

NGĀTI HĀUA HAPŪ, NGĀRUAHINERANGI
Seventh Named Applicant

NGĀTI TAMA AHUROA AND TITAHU HAPŪ AND
OEO PA TRUSTEES
Eighth Named Applicant

NGĀTI RUANUI TRUST
Ninth Named Applicant

NGĀA RAURU KIITAHU
Tenth Named Applicant

TE KĀHUI O TARANAKI IWI
Eleventh Named Applicant

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI MUTUNGA
Twelfth Named Applicant

KOTAHITANGA O TE ATIWA TRUST
Thirteenth Named Applicant

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI TAMA
Fourteenth Named Applicant

NGĀ HAPŪ O MOKAU KI RUNGA
Fifteenth Named Applicant

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

[1] I thank counsel for their joint memorandum of 11 October 2024.

[2] Taking account of the matters raised therein, I agree that proceeding with the hearing next February 2025 is problematic, particularly in the context of trial preparation, against the background of the looming law change.

[3] Accordingly, I accept counsels' arguments that adjourning the hearing is sensible in the circumstances, while doubtless disappointing for the applicants. The five week hearing scheduled to commence on 17 February 2025 is therefore vacated.

[4] A case management conference will be convened in February 2025.

Harvey J