

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

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE**

**CIV-2017-485-160; CIV-2017-485-214  
CIV-2017-485-229; CIV-2017-485-273  
CIV-2017-485-511; CIV-2017-485-261  
CIV-2017-485-248; CIV-2017-485-258  
CIV-2017-485-260; CIV-2017-485-211**

**GROUP N, STAGE 1(a) and STAGE 1(b)**

BETWEEN

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

AND

applications for orders recognising  
Customary Marine Title and Protected  
Customary rights

Continued...

Hearing: 20 May 2024

Counsel: (Listed below)

Minute: 31 May 2024

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**MINUTE OF GRICE J (Application by C Shenton (self-represented) for  
Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa (CIV-2017-485-511) to adduce evidence of  
Grant Huwyer)**

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[1] Mr Shenton seeks that Grant Huwyer read a statement of evidence in relation to the application for customary rights filed on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa under CIV-2017-485-511.

[2] Mr Shenton indicated that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining legal representation and continued to be self-represented. The application for Mr Huwyer to give evidence was filed because he is the son of the original deponent named on the application, who is now elderly.

[3] The evidence in Mr Shenton's application is intended to precede that of Trustees of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust on behalf of Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai (CIV-2017-485-248), represented by Messrs Cameron and Samuels.

[4] I had indicated to counsel that given the nature of the evidence to be given as contained in the written statement, I would likely view the application favourably, as the evidence would likely assist the Court. Counsel present at the hearing of Mr Shenton's application indicated that they either supported (Mr Bennion for Muaūpoko) or abided my decision on the application.

[5] Ms Walker for Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga said that while her clients had earlier indicated opposition, in view of my indication they no longer opposed, but sought leave to call evidence in reply if necessary.

[6] I am of the view that the evidence in the statement of Mr Huwyer will assist the Court, is unlikely to unduly delay the hearing, and can be fitted in to the present hearing schedule. Accordingly, I granted the application. The evidence of Mr Grant Huwyer will be slotted into the hearing time already allocated for this applicant. Leave is granted as sought by Ms Walker and any reply evidence should be given at the time in the schedule already allocated for Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga if possible.



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