

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

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

CIV-2017-485-296

UNDER THE Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana)
Act 2011

IN THE MATTER OF An application by the RUAPUKE ISLAND
GROUP

CIV-2017-485-280

AND NGĀI TAHU WHANUI

Hearing: On the papers

Counsel: J Innes for Ruapuke Island Group
R E Brown and R Morar for Ngāi Tahu Whanui

Minute: 26 June 2024

MINUTE OF CHURCHMAN J

CIV-2017-485-280 Ngāi Tahu Whanui

[1] Counsel's memorandum advised that each of the iwi's 18 constituent Papatipu Rūnanga are progressing at variable pace toward preparation for a hearing. Uncertainty as to funding is adversely impacting the ability to make progress.

[2] Ngāi Tahu is supportive of the hearing for the Ruapuke Island Group proceeding as scheduled.

[3] The Ngāi Tahu application is adjourned to be called again at the 2025 Dunedin CMC and counsel's attendance at the 2024 CMC is excused.

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[4] This matter is scheduled for hearing to commence on 24 March 2025. It is dependant on the availability of Crown funding.

[5] Once the Crown funding policy clarification (which is anticipated to be announced within the coming weeks) is known, counsel are to file a further memorandum advising whether or not they will be in a position to proceed with the 24 March 2025 hearing.

[6] Counsel's attendance at the 2024 Dunedin CMC is excused and the Dunedin CMC is vacated.

Churchman J