

**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 RUAPUKE ISLAND  
GROUP

Hearing: On the papers

Counsel: J Inns for Ruapuke Island Group  
R Brown for Te Rūnanga a o Ngāi Tahu (CIV-2017-485-280)  
R Fife (self-represented) for Whānau o Topi (CIV-2017-485-295)  
G L Melvin for Attorney-General

Minute: 16 July 2024

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**MINUTE OF CHURCHMAN J**

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[1] In my minute of 26 June 2024, I indicated that once it was known whether or not Te Arawhiti would fund the Ruapuke Island hearing, counsel for the applicant should file a memorandum confirming their intention to participate in the hearing set to commence on 23 March 2025.

[2] Te Arawhiti has now approved funding for that hearing, albeit subject to the filing and approval of a budgeted work programme.

[3] In my minute of 6 June 2023, I approved a timetable. That timetable would still appear to be appropriate.

[4] I direct that, within 10 working days from the date of this minute, those parties who wish to participate in the hearing file a memorandum confirming the following:

- (a) Their intention to participate.
- (b) Their ability to comply with the timetable directions set out in the minute of 6 June 2023.
- (c) Such further directions any party may seek.
- (d) It may also be useful for the applicants to confer as to the identity of any pūkenga that the parties may wish to see appointed and a list of questions to be referred to the pūkenga.

[5] Should any issues arise following the filing of memoranda, these will either be dealt with on the papers or by the convening of a case management conference by way of VMR.

**Churchman J**