

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

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

**CIV-2017-404-578
CIV-2017-404-539
CIV-2017-485-233
CIV-2017-404-539
CIV-2017-404-558
CIV-2017-485-245
CIV-2017-485-249**

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

IN THE MATTER OF an application by ROBERT GABEL on
behalf of NGĀTI TARA, for orders
recognising Customary Marine Title and
Protected Customary Rights

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by VIOLET WALKER on
behalf of TE WHĀNAU-O-RĀTĀROA for
orders recognising Customary Marine Title
and Protected Customary Rights

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by RIHARI DARGAVILLE
on behalf of NGATI KAWAU & NGATI
AWA AT WHANGAROA for orders
recognising Customary Marine Title and
Protected Customary Rights

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by RIHARI DARGAVILLE
on behalf of NGAITAWAKE for orders
recognising Customary Marine Title and
Protected Customary Rights

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by RUEBEN TAIPARI
PORTER, JOHN MATIU, CHRISTOPHER
TAKANA MURRAY, LINDA

WAIMIRIRANGI MATENGA HARRISON,
& SANDY MURUPAENGA on behalf of TE
IWI Ō TE RARAWA KI AHIPARA for
orders recognising Customary Marine Title
and Protected Customary Rights

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by MICHAEL JOHN
WILLIAMS on behalf of NGĀI TŪPANGO
for orders recognising Customary Marine
Title and Protected Customary Rights

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by ANI TANIWHA on behalf
of NGATI KAWAU, NGATI KAWHITI,
NGATI HAITI, & NGAITUPANGO for
orders recognising Customary Marine Title
and Protected Customary Rights

Hearing: On the Papers

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CIV-2017-404-529, CIV-2017-485-233, CIV-2017-404-539,
CIV-2017-404-558, CIV-2017-485-245
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Minute: 4 February 2025

MINUTE OF CHURCHMAN J

[1] By joint memorandum dated 31 January 2025 counsel in the above matters have indicated that although the Court has indicated that fixtures be allocated for their hearing, dates have not been able to be assigned. Counsel advise that Te Arawhiti have informed them, by letter of 18 December 2024, that until such date as a hearing has been scheduled, Te Arawhiti is not prepared to consider the funding application.

[2] Counsel therefore seek confirmed fixture dates.

[3] The Court is now able to allocate confirmed fixtures in the following matters:

- (a) Ngāti Tara (CIV-2017-404-578) — 12 weeks commencing 12 April 2027 in Whangārei.
- (b) Whangaroa (Te Whānau-o-Rātāroa) (CIV-2017-404-529) — 12 weeks commencing 1 May 2028 in Whangārei.

[4] The Court has not yet in a position to confirm the fixture date for the Te Rarawa ki Ahipara matter (CIV-2017-485-245).

[5] The applicants in the cases, set out in [3] above, cross applicants and interested parties would now be in a position to submit their budgeted applications (if they have not already done so) and be considered for funding.

Churchman J