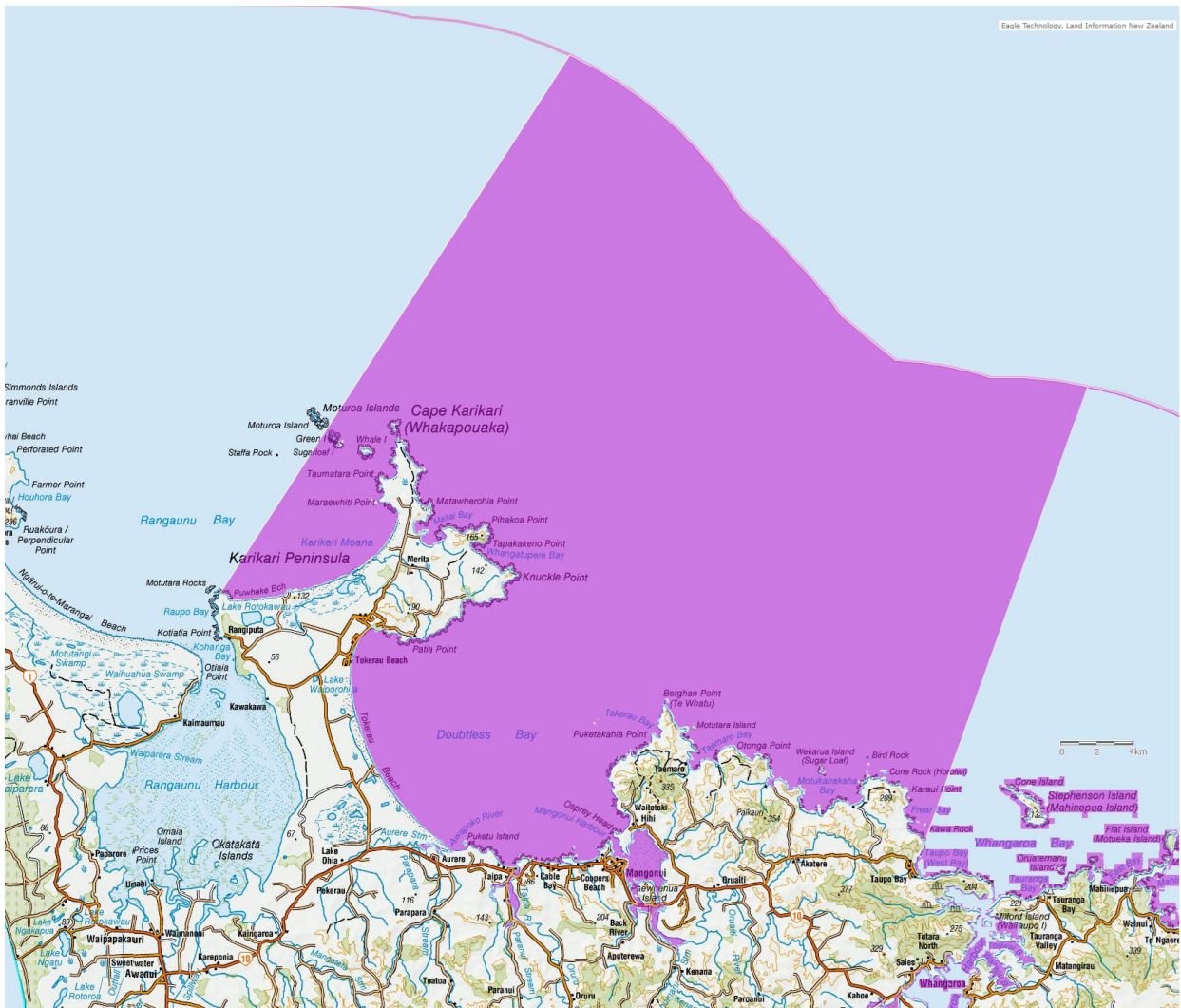


MACA Ngāti Tara Hearing Overview

1. Hearing Area

The Ngāti Tara Hearing proposed by Ngāti Tara in May 2023 was allocated hearing time by Churchman J in December 2023.¹ The hearing will deal with MACA application areas from Karikari Peninsula to Taupo Bay.

The hearing boundary is illustrated in magenta on the map from [Kōrero Takutai](#) below.



Map 1 – Ngāti Tara hearing area

2. Dates and venue

The hearing will take place over twelve weeks starting 12 April 2028 at Whangārei High Court². It is possible that an alternative venue will be arranged.

¹ [Minute of Churchman J dated 12 December 2023](#) [Ngāti Tara – allocation of proposed hearing]

² [Minute of Churchman J dated 4 February 2025 - Ngāti Tara & Te Whānau-o-Rātāroa Hearing dates](#)

3. Participants

CIV	Applicant Group	Lead Counsel
CIV-2017-404- 578	Ngāti Tara	D C F Naden, H J Fletcher
CIV-2017-404- 539	Ngāti Kauwau, Ngāti Awa	D C F Naden, H J Fletcher
CIV-2017-404- 559	Ngāti Kahu, Te Rarawa and Te Uriohina	A J Sinclair, M J Sharp, B M Cunningham
CIV-2017-404- 565	Ngāti Kura at Matauri	T J Castle, C E Ritchie
CIV-2017-404- 570	Te Hikutu Hapū	E K Rongo
CIV-2017-485- 236	Ngāpuhi /Ngāti Kahu ki Whāingaroa	M Piripi
CIV-2017-485- 268	Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kahu	T B Afeaki
CIV-2017-485- 271	Te Whānau Moana, Te Rorohuri & Haititaimarangāi Marae Trust	T M Urlich
CIV-2017-485- 510	Ngāti Mokokohi, Te Tahawai, Te Uri-o-Te- Aho, Ngāti Ruamahue, Te Uri o Hua, Ngāti Rehia and Ngāti Torehina	S N Northey
CIV-2017-404- 537	Nga Puhi nui tonu	J Mason, L S Thompson
CIV-2017-485- 398	Ngati Kawau and Te Waiariki Korora	
Interested Parties	Attorney General	G L Melvin, Y Moinfar-Yong
	Far North District Council	H P Harwood
	Northland Regional Council	
	Seafood Industry Representatives	B A Scott
	Landowners Coalition Incorporated	B E Morten

There are up to 25 Crown-Engagement applicants overlapping with this hearing area that may join as interested parties.

4. Hearing Timetable

Item	Due dates
Applicants file their evidence (25 weeks before hearing)	18 September 2026*
Interested parties, other than the Attorney-General, file their evidence (16 weeks before hearing)	20 November 2026*
Submissions on Pūkenga appointment (16 weeks before)	20 November 2026*

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Attorney-General files evidence (12 weeks before hearing)	15 January 2027
Applicants' evidence in reply to be filed (nine weeks before hearing)	5 March 2027
Close of pleadings date (seven weeks before hearing)	19 February 2027
Applicants' file opening submissions, statement of agreed facts, and bundles of authorities (six weeks before hearing)	26 February 2027
Interested parties' file submissions and bundles of authorities (four and a half weeks before hearing)	9 March 2027
Attorney-General files submissions and bundles of authorities (three weeks before hearing)	19 March 2027
Stage 1 Hearing Begins	12 April 2027

**Non-working days have been excluded from date calculation*