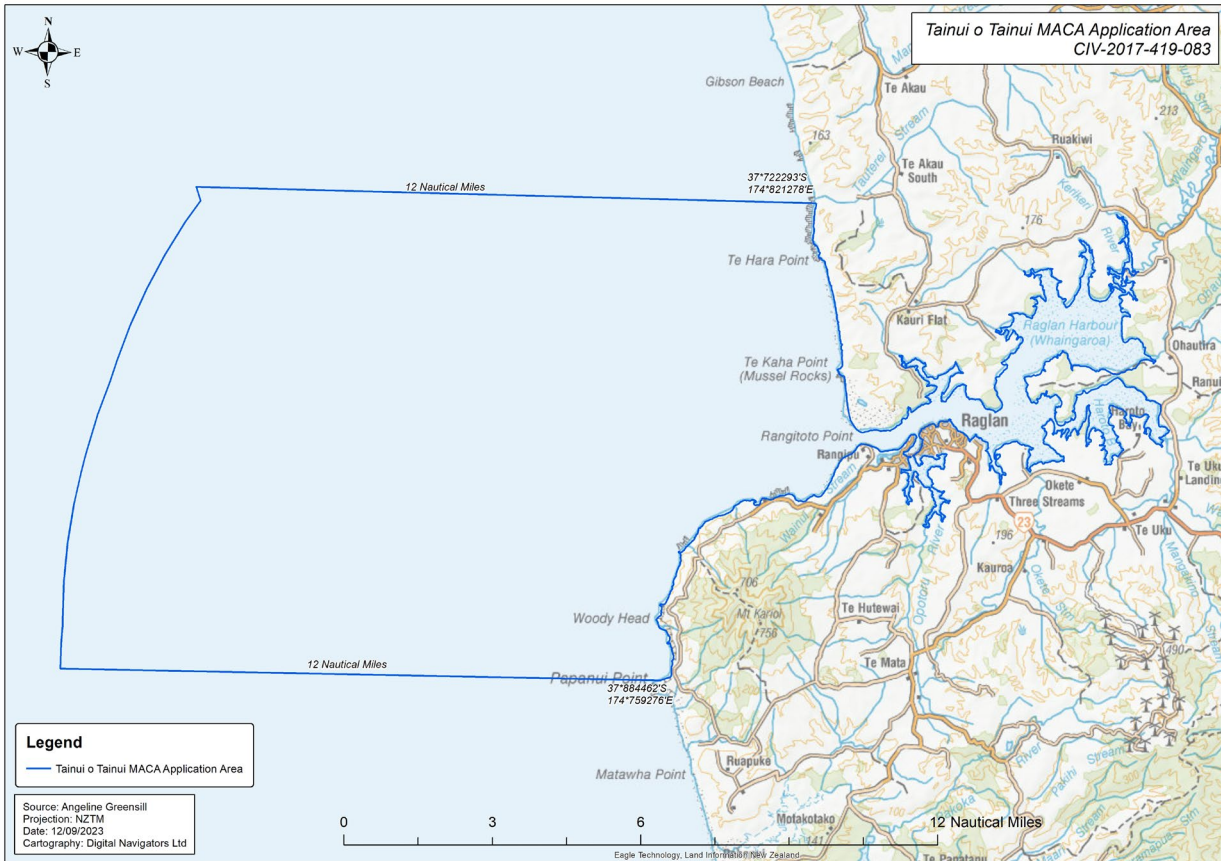


MACA Whāingaroa Hearing Overview

1. Hearing Area

The Whāingaroa Hearing was proposed by the Whāingaroa Moana Collective ahead of the June 2023 MACA Hamilton case management conference with the hearing area defined by the CIV-2017-419-083 Whāingaroa Moana Collective application area. On 20 December 2023, Churchman J allocated a 3-week hearing to determine MACA applications in this area¹.



Whāingaroa Moana Collective Application area²

2. Dates and venue

The hearing will take place over three weeks starting 20 July 2026 at Hamilton High Court.

¹ [Minute of Justice Churchman dated 20 December 2023](#) [Whāingaroa Moana Collective - Allocation of hearing]

² From CIV-2017-419-000083 [Second amended application](#)

3. Participants

Applicant CIV	Applicant Group	Lead Counsel
CIV-2017-419-083	Whāingaroa Moana Collective	J L Cole, A T I Sykes
CIV-2017-419-084	Waikato-Tainui	J P Ferguson
CIV-2017-404-575	Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru	R A Siciliano, C Ratapu
Interested Parties	Attorney General	G L Melvin, I R Yu
	Waikato District Council	A Green, E Greensmith-West
	Waikato Regional Council	P Beverley
	Seafood Industry Representatives	B A Scott
	Landowners Coalition Incorporated	B E Morten

4. Hearing Timetable

Item	Due dates
Applicants file their evidence (25 weeks before hearing)	23 January 2026
Interested parties, other than the Attorney-General, file their evidence (16 weeks before hearing)	27 March 2026
Submissions on Pūkenga appointment (16 weeks before hearing)	27 March 2026
Attorney-General files evidence (12 weeks before hearing)	24 April 2026
Applicants' evidence in reply to be filed (nine weeks before hearing)	15 May 2026
Close of pleadings date (seven weeks before hearing)	29 May 2026
Applicants' file opening submissions, statement of agreed facts, and bundles of authorities (six weeks before hearing)	5 June 2026
Interested parties' file submissions and bundles of authorities (four and a half weeks before hearing)	16 June 2026
Attorney-General files submissions and bundles of authorities (three weeks before hearing)	26 June 2026
Stage 1 Hearing Begins	20 July 2026