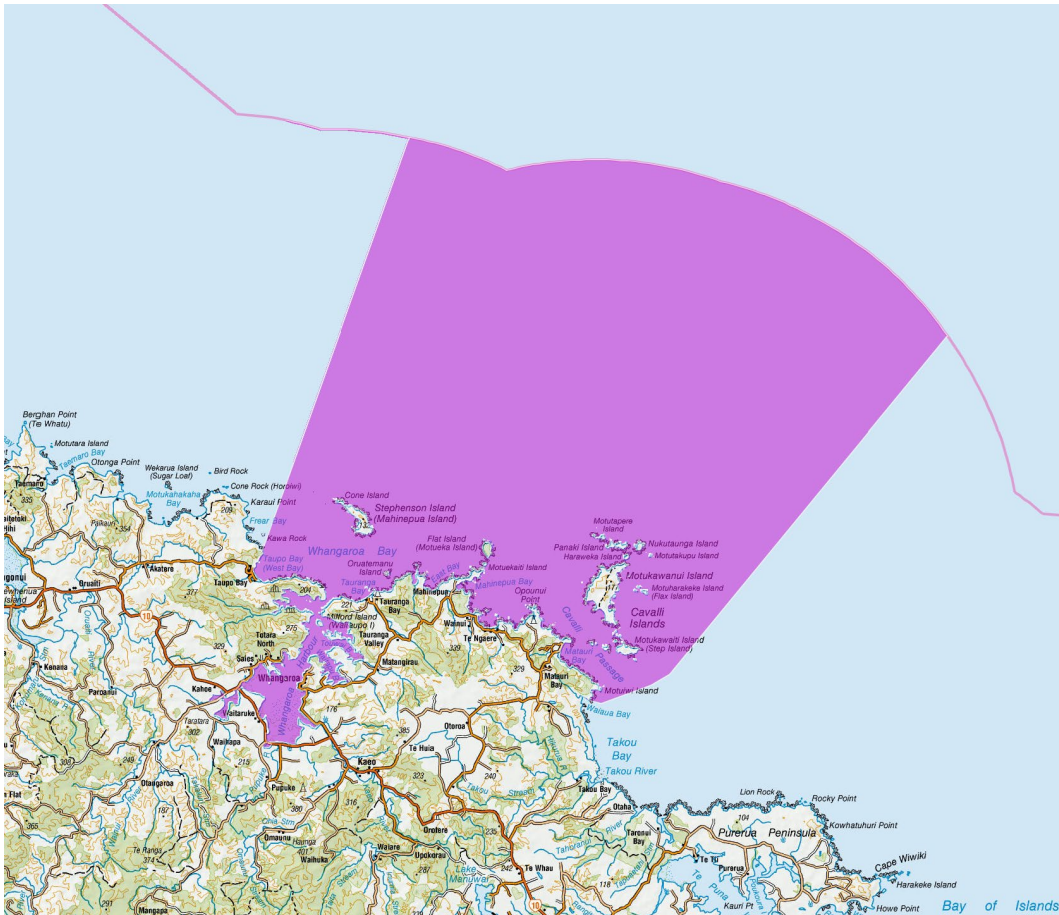


# MACA Whangaroa Hearing Overview

## 1. Hearing Area

A Whangaroa hearing was proposed by Te Whānau-o-Rātāroa and Ngāi Tūpango in May 2023 and a 12-week hearing was allocated by Churchman J in December 2023.<sup>1</sup> The hearing will deal with MACA application areas from Taupo Bay to Matauri Bay.

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



*Whangaroa hearing area*

## 2. Dates and venue

The hearing will take place over twelve weeks starting 1 May 2028 at Whangārei High Court. It is possible that an alternative venue will be arranged.

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<sup>1</sup> [Minute of Churchman J dated 14 December 2023](#) [Te Whānau a Rataroa – allocation of proposed hearing]

### 3. Participants

CIV	Applicant Group	Lead Counsel
CIV-2017-404-529	Te Whānau-o-Rātāroa	D C F Naden, H J Fletcher
CIV-2017-485-233	Ngāi Tūpango	D C F Naden, H J Fletcher
CIV-2017-404-539	Ngāti Kawau, Ngāti Awa	D C F Naden, H J Fletcher
CIV-2017-485-236	Ngāpuhi/Ngāti Kahu ki Whāingaroa	M Piripi
CIV-2017-404-559	Ngāti Kahu & Te Rarawa, Te Uriohina	A J Sinclair, M J Sharp, B M Cunningham
CIV-2017-404-565	Ngāti Kura ki Matauri	T J Castle, C E Ritchie
CIV-2017-404-570	Te Hikutu hapū	E K Rongo
CIV-2017-485-249	Ngāti Kawau, Ngāti Kawhiti, Ngāti Haiti and Ngaitūpango hapū of Whangaroa	L Thornton
CIV-2017-404-540	Ngāti Torehina Ki Mataure ō Hau	R C McGrath
CIV-2017-485-298	Whakarara Maori Committee	R N Zwaan
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	Ngāpuhi-nui-tonu	J Mason, L S Thompson
CIV-2017-485-398	Ngāti Kawau and Te Waiariki Kororā	J Mason, L S Thompson
<b>Interested Parties</b>	Attorney General	G L Melvin
	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 36 Crown-Engagement applications that overlap with the hearing area and may join as interested parties.*

### 4. Hearing Timetable

Item	Due dates
Applicants file their evidence (25 weeks before hearing)*	15 October 2027

Interested parties, other than the Attorney-General, file their evidence (16 weeks before hearing)*	17 December 2027
Submissions on Pūkenga appointment (16 weeks before hearing)*	17 December 2027
Attorney-General files evidence (12 weeks before hearing)	4 February 2028
Applicants' evidence in reply to be filed (nine weeks before hearing)	25 February 2028
Close of pleadings date (seven weeks before hearing)	10 March 2028
Applicants' file opening submissions, statement of agreed facts, and bundles of authorities (six weeks before hearing)	17 March 2028
Interested parties' file submissions and bundles of authorities (four and a half weeks before hearing)	28 March 2028
Attorney-General files submissions and bundles of authorities (three weeks before hearing)	7 April 2028
Stage 1 Hearing Begins	1 May 2028

*\*Non-working weeks excluded from date calculation.*