

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
I TE KŌTI MANA NUI**

SC 121/2023

BETWEEN **WHAKATŌHEA KOTAHITANGA WAKA
(EDWARDS)**
Appellants

AND **TE KĀHUI AND WHAKATŌHEA MAORI
TRUST BOARD, NGĀI TAI AND
RIRIWHENUA HAPŪ, TE ŪPOKOREHE
TREATY CLAIMS TRUST, and TE RŪNANGA
O NGĀTI AWA**
Respondents

AND **ATTORNEY GENERAL, TE WHĀNAU-Ā-
APANUI, SEAFOOD INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES, CROWN REGIONAL
HOLDINGS LIMITED, ŌPŌTIKI DISTRICT
COUNCIL, BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL
COUNCIL and WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT
COUNCIL**
Interested Parties

AND **TE ŪPOKOREHE TREATY CLAIMS TRUST, TE
RŪNANGA O NGĀTI AWA, NGĀI TAI AND
RIRIWHENUA HAPŪ, LANDOWNERS
COALITION INCORPORATED, TE KĀHUI
and WHAKATŌHEA MAORI TRUST BOARD,
NGĀTI MURIWAI and KUTARERE MARAE,
NGĀTI RUATAKENGA and NGĀTI
PATUMOANA.**
Other appellants in Court of Appeal

Appellants (WKW/Edwards) Chronology

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CHRONOLOGY

08/02/99	Application to Māori Land Court by Claude Edwards and other hapu representatives for investigation of Māori Customary land (application includes foreshore and seabed from Te Rangi in the east to Te Horo in the west with seaward boundary southern extremity of Whakaari.)
17/01/05	Application to Maori Land Court by Claude Edwards for customary rights orders on behalf of all Te Whakatōhea iwi under Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 (the "iwi / tipuna" application).
17/01/05	30 oral and traditional witness briefs filed in support.
30/05/05	Particularised iwi / tipuna application for Customary Rights Order filed by Claude Edwards.
30/10/05	Whakatōhea hui-a-iwi at Ōmarumutu Marae.
29/03/06	Maori Land Court directions conference adding named applicants to the existing iwi / tipuna application for Ngā Tamahaua, Ngāti Ira, Ngāti Rua, Ūpokorehe and Ngāti Patu.
18/05/15	Amended iwi / tipuna application filed indicating hapū expected to engage progressively and hapū representatives would join with the applicants in this application.
29/03/17 to 03/04/17	MACA applications filed "on behalf of" Pakowhai Hapū, Ngāti Muriwai Hapū, Hiwarau C, Ngāti Patumoana, Ngāti Ira Hapū, Te uri o Whakatōhea Rangatira Mokomoko, Ngāti Tamahaua Hapū, Ūpokorehe.
03/04/17	Whakatōhea Maori Trust Board filed MACA application as applicant for "for and behalf of the Whakatōhea whānau, hapū and iwi."
23/06/19	Ngāti Rua hui at Ōmarumutu Marae: resolution to support Merearia Hata MACA application.
01-20/10/19	Volumes of briefs of evidence and supporting document bank filed.
02/06/20	Second amended application amending area claimed and annexing territorial boundary map.
31/07/20	Third amended application refining boundaries and annexing boundary maps.
04/06/24	Whakatōhea Claims Settlement Act 2024 commencement: Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board dissolved and its assets vested in Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea.