

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

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

**CIV-2017-485-295
CIV-2017-485-296**

IN THE MATTER OF an application for recognition orders under the
 Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana)
 Act 2011

BY Te Whānau o Topi (CIV-2017-485-295)

 Ruapuke Island Group (CIV-2017-485-296)

On the papers:

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 J Inns for Ruapuke Island Group
 G Melvin for Attorney-General

Minute: 12 December 2022

**MINUTE (NO. 11) OF CHURCHMAN J
[Case Management Conferences 2022 – Dunedin (No. 2)]**

[1] These two claims were scheduled to be called at the case management conference (CMC) on 12 December 2022. A joint memorandum has been filed. This indicates that historical research is well underway and when completed, will lead to the commencement of gathering of tangata whenua evidence.

[2] The parties have yet to determine whether they will pursue the litigation or Crown engagement pathways. Further hui are scheduled for the new year.

[3] The applicants seek that each matter be adjourned until the scheduled June 2023 CMC.

[4] I therefore vacate the CMC scheduled for 12 December 2022 in respect of these two matters being handled by the Dunedin registry, dispense with counsel's appearance, and adjourn both cases to be called again in the June 2023 CMC.

Churchman J