

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

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

**CIV-2017-404-481
CIV-2017-485-193
CIV-2017-485-220
CIV-2017-485-221
CIV-2017-485-224
CIV-2017-485-226
CIV-2017-485-232
Group M, Stage 1(b)**

UNDER the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai
Moana) Act 2011

IN THE MATTER OF an application for orders recognising
Customary Marine Title and Protected
Customary Rights

On the Papers

Minute: 11 December 2023

**MINUTE OF GWYN J
(Participation of local and regional councils)**

[1] I acknowledge receipt of memoranda from counsel for each of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council, the Central Hawke's Bay District Council and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Each of those interested parties advises that they intend to take a limited role in the Stage 1(b) hearing and do not intend to file evidence. They wish to maintain a watching brief and review their position and participation as the proceedings progress.

[2] All four of those interested parties ask that they have the opportunity to be involved in any future discussions around the boundaries and descriptions of any CMT or PCR orders to be made, including wāhi tapu protection orders, to ensure that any

such orders are clear and workable and that the relevant council has certainty for the future, both in terms of its regulatory role and the implications of any orders for any future council infrastructure within the area.

[3] I confirm that these interested parties will be kept apprised of such future discussions and given an opportunity to participate.

Stage 1(a)

[4] In the meantime, counsel should have received my minute of 1 December 2023,¹ where I set the following timetable in relation to the wāhi tapu evidence for the Stage 1(a) hearing, which will be heard during the course of the hearing time allocated for Stage 1(b):

- (a) Applicants to file and serve their evidence by 5.00 pm on 19 January 2024.
- (b) Any evidence in reply is to be filed and served by 5.00 pm on 5 February 2024.

Gwyn J

¹ Minute of Gwyn J (Stage 1(a) Timetable for evidence regarding wāhi tapu) dated 1 December 2023.