

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

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

**CIV-2017-260-229
CIV-2017-485-248
CIV-2017-485-258
CIV-2017-485-273
CIV-2017-485-261
CIV-2017-485-214
CIV-2017-485-160
CIV-2017-485-254
CIV-2017-485-260**

Group N Stage 1(a)

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:

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CIV-2017-485-229
T Ahu and K Tarawhiti for Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai CIV-2017-485-248
D Edmunds for Ngāti Toa Rangatira CIV-2017-485-258
B Lyall for Te Whānau Tima (Seymour) and Te Hapū o Te Mateawa
CIV-2017-485-273
T Bennion for Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Incorporated CIV-2017-485-261
C Beaumont for David Morgan Whānau CIV-2017-485-214
D Naden, S Roughton and H Fletcher for Ngāti Tamarangi Hapū of
Muaūpoko CIV-2017-485-160
L Black for Te Patutokotoko CIV-2017-485-254
M Houra for Te Ātiawa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui Potiki Trust
CIV-2017-485-260
G Melvin for Attorney-General

Minute: 13 June 2023

MINUTE (NO 5) OF CHURCHMAN

[1] By minute of 10 November 2022, I made timetable orders in respect of the proposed Group N Stage 1(a) hearing. That matter has been set down to commence on 6 May 2024 with an estimated hearing time of eight weeks.

[2] The date for the receipt of submissions on the appointment of a pūkenga was set at 11 April 2023.

[3] By minute of 17 April 2023, I granted an application by the applicants to extend the date for filing submissions on the pūkenga appointment until Monday 12 June 2023. All of the applicants except the applicant in Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa CIV-2017-485-511 have filed a joint memorandum which details the progress that has been made between the parties in their discussions as to pūkenga appointment and seeks a further one-month extension to Friday 7 July 2023 to file final submissions.

[4] That extension is granted subject to the proviso that it is unlikely that further extensions would be considered.

[5] Grice J has now been appointed the presiding Judge in this hearing. Were it not for the fact that she is presently sitting out of Wellington presiding over a jury trial, I would have referred this matter to her.

[6] As noted in the joint memorandum, while the Court welcomes the views of the parties in relation to the appointment of pūkenga, ultimately the decision is one for the Court. The decision in this case will be made by Grice J.

Churchman J