

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

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

**CIV-2017-404-442
GROUP E**

UNDER the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana)
Act 2011 and Orders Recognising Customary
Marine Title and Protected Customary Rights

IN THE MATTER of an application by RICHARD JOHN
NATHAN of Whangārei on behalf of Rōpu
O Rangiriri
Applicant

Hearing: On the papers
Counsel: D Naden for the Applicant
Minute: 28 August 2023

MINUTE OF HARVEY J

Solicitors: Tāmaki Legal Limited, South Auckland

[1] An amended application and supporting map were filed on 24 July 2023. The map reduces the area covered by the application, as set out in paragraph 4. Counsel have now filed a map that complies with the relevant mapping practice note.

[2] Counsel also filed a memorandum in support which confirmed that the applicant had reconsidered the application area. If granted, this would mean that Te Rōpu o Rangiriri's application as amended would no longer overlap with the Whangārei Harbour and Whangārei Coast proceedings due to commence on 12 February and 22 July 2024 respectively. Counsel confirmed that the applicant formally withdraws from both proceedings.

[3] To avoid doubt, I note that the proposed amendment simply refines and reduces the application area. No changes are sought to the protected customary rights and coastal title elements of the application. In such circumstances there is no reason to decline the proposed amendment to the principal application. Leave is therefore granted permitting the amendment as sought.

[4] Finally, I record that on 20 July 2023, a notice of change of solicitor and address for service was filed. That change is noted accordingly.

Harvey J