

**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-2017-485-221
CIV-2017-485-224
CIV-2017-485-232
CIV-2017-485-259
CIV-2017-485-260
CIV-2017-485-267
Group M 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

Minute: 19 December 2023

**MINUTE OF GWYN J
(Delivery of Stage 1(a) substantive judgment)**

[1] I had previously indicated to the parties and counsel that I expected to release my judgment on the Stage 1(a) hearing prior to the Christmas break.¹

[2] Unfortunately I am not quite in a position to do so, but can advise it will be ready early in the new year and certainly before the start of the Stage 1(b) hearing.

Gwyn J

¹ Minute of Gwyn J (Stage 1(a) Timetable for evidence regarding wāhi tapu) dated 1 December 2023 at [3].