

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

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

**CIV-2017-485-160; CIV-2017-485-214  
CIV-2017-485-229; CIV-2017-485-273  
CIV-2017-485-511; CIV-2017-485-261  
CIV-2017-485-248; CIV-2017-485-258  
CIV-2017-485-260; CIV-2017-485-211**

**GROUP N, STAGE 1(a) and STAGE 1(b)**

**BETWEEN** the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana Act) 2011.

**AND** applications for orders recognising Customary Marine Title and Protected Customary rights

Continued...

Hearing: 14 May 2024

Counsel: A R Irwin for Ngāti Tamarangi hapū of Muaūpoko iwi  
N R Coates and P Walker for Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga  
B R Lyall, M R G van Alphen-Fyfe and H L B Swedlund for  
Te Whānau Tīma (Seymour) and Te Ahi Kā o Te Mateawa  
C Shenton (self-represented) for Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti  
Apa  
T H Bennion and E A Whiley for Muaūpoko Tribal Authority  
Incorporated  
A M Cameron and A J Samuels for Te Ātiawa Ki Whakarongotai  
E K Rongo for Tiratu Williams and Patricia Grace for the owners  
of Hongoeka Blocks; and Ngāti Toa Rangatira

D A Ward, D O Kleinsman and A H Ou for Attorney General  
F R Wedde and C E Bulow for Manawatū-Whanganui Regional  
Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Kāpiti Coast  
District Council  
L L Black for Te Patutokotoko  
C F Finlayson KC for Rangitāne o Manawatū Settlement Trust  
C M Hockly for Horowhenua 11 Part Reservation Trust  
J Mason and U A Kuddus for Ngātiawa Tōpūtonga Tai Kāpiti  
(applied)

Minute: 14 May 2024

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**MINUTE OF GRICE J**  
**(Mr Stirling as a witness for Muaūpoko Tribal Authority)**

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[1] Mr Cameron indicated that the issue in relation to Mr Bennion seeking to call or make Mr Stirling available to be questioned (as indicated on the cross-examination notice list) has been resolved.

[2] Mr Stirling will be called as a witness by Muaūpoko Tribal Authority. He will be sworn in and identified as the author of Exhibit A annexed to Ms Rump's evidence. It is entitled "A History of Muaūpoko". Mr Stirling will then be available for cross-examination on that document. He will also confirm his adherence to the Experts Code of Conduct. He may need to respond to some of Mr O'Malley's evidence and the parties will confer about how that is to occur.

[3] No one disagreed with that course and Mr Bennion confirmed he would make those arrangements.



Grice J

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