MACA Tauranga Central Hearing Overview

1. Hearing Area

This hearing was allocated by Churchman J in December 2022¹ to deal with MACA applications in "the area between the eastern boundary of the Re Reeder priority proceedings and the western boundary of the Re Edwards priority proceedings".

In the map below², hearing area is the central orange section. Re Reeder (Ngā Pōtiki) is the green section on the left and Re Edwards (Whakatōhea) is the green section on the right.



2. Dates and venue

The hearing will take place over ten weeks starting 5 May 2025 at Mercury Bay Park in Tauranga.

3. Participants

CIV	Applicant Group	Lead Counsel
CIV-2017-404-568	Ngāti Whakaue	J Kahukiwa
CIV-2017-485-185	Ngāi Taiwhakaea Hapū	T Castle
CIV-2017-485-196	Ngāti Awa	H Irwin-Easthope
CIV-2017-485-223	Ngāti Whakahemo	J Koning
CIV-2017-485-227	Ngāti Hikakino, Ngāi Te Rangihouhiri II and Te Tāwera	L Watson

¹ Minute (no. 13) of Churchman J, dated 13 December 2022 [CMC 2022 – Tauranga & Rotorua (no. 2)]

² Map sourced from Kōrero Takutai, used under Te Arawhiti CC License

CIV-2017-485-250	Te Tawharau o Ngāti Pūkenga	T Bennion
CIV-2017-485-291	Ngāti Makino and Ngāti Pikiao	J Pou
CIV-2017-485-317	Trustees of Rurima Island Māori Reservation	T Castle
CIV-2017-485-318	Te Whānau a Apanui	N Coates
CIV-2017-485-513	Manu Paora Whānau	J Mason
CIV-2016-485-770	Te Runanga O Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu Inc	J Mason
CIV-2017-485-514	Tangihia Hapu	J Mason
Interested Parties	Attorney-General	G Melvin

(Further Interested parties may join)

4. Hearing Timetable

Item	Timeframe	Due dates
Applicants file their evidence.	Six months prior to hearing.	21 October 2024
Interested parties other than the Attorney- General file their evidence.	Four months prior to hearing.	20 December 2024
Attorney-General files evidence.	Three months prior to hearing.	5 February 2025
Submissions on pūkenga appointment (if required).	Three months prior to hearing.	5 February 2025
Applicants' evidence in reply to be filed.	Two months prior to hearing.	5 March 2025
Close of pleadings date.	Two months prior to hearing.	5 March 2025
All parties file open submissions and bundles of authorities.	Two weeks prior to hearing.	17 April 2025
Applicants file any statement of agreed facts.	Two weeks prior to hearing.	17 April 2025
Draft joint hearing timetable to be filed.	Two weeks prior to hearing.	17 April 2025
Hearing date		5 May 2025