

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

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

CIV-2011-485-789

IN THE MATTER OF	the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011
IN THE MATTER OF	an application for an order recognising Customary Marine Title and Protected Customary Rights
BY	CATHERINE MARJORIE CLARKSON AND OTHERS

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Central Hawkes Bay District Council (Interested Parties)
G L Melvin for Attorney-General (Interested Party)

Minute: 4 May 2020

MINUTE (NO. 3) OF CHURCHMAN J

[1] By minute dated 10 February 2020, the Court set a timetable for the filing and exchange of evidence in this matter which is scheduled to commence a four-week hearing before Mallon J on 2 November 2020.

[2] By a joint memorandum of counsel dated 1 May 2020, counsel for all the overlapping parties sought to vary the timetable directions set out in the minute of 10 February 2020.

[3] The minute explained that the consequences of the COVID-19 lockdown at Level 4 had severely hampered finalisation of evidence.

[4] I am satisfied that appropriate grounds exist for the proposed variation to the timetable. I note that Mr Melvin, for the Attorney-General, supports the proposed variation.

[5] Accordingly, the timetable is varied as follows:

- (a) the parties have until **15 May 2020** to file a memorandum with their submissions regarding the appointment of a pukenga;
- (b) the time for the filing of evidence in the response to the Clarkson evidence is now **1 June 2020**; and
- (c) the time for taking any other step in the proceeding is also extended by one month (with the exception that the fixture date of 2 November 2020 remains).

[6] Counsel are reminded that any further slippage in the timetable may jeopardise the fixture and are encouraged to use their best efforts to comply with this amended timetable.

Churchman J