

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

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

**CIV-2017-485-309**

AN APPLICATION BY NGĀTI MUTUNGA O WHAREKAURI  
IWI Hapu and Whanau  
Applicant

Hearing: On the papers  
Counsel: T Castle for Applicant  
Minute: 12 March 2024

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**MINUTE OF CHURCHMAN J**

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[1] Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri are an applicant for recognition orders in the takutai moana adjacent to the northern Taranaki coast.

[2] In a minute issued on 11 December 2023 I directed that the applicant was to file a map which identified the amended claim area that had been signalled by counsel in the memorandum of 24 November 2023.

[3] Such a map was filed along with a memorandum of 31 January 2024.

[4] At a general level, the map would indicate that the claim is for a smaller area resulting in reduced overlaps.

[5] However, the map submitted does not contain any coordinates and neither is there a description of where the land boundary and lateral takutai moana boundaries originate.

[6] It maybe that the overlapping parties are satisfied that the map confirms that there is no overlap with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga's claims in the north and the claims of Mokau ki Runga and Ngāti Tama. No doubt counsel for those applicant parties will let the Court know if they do not accept that position.

[7] In due course, at least one month prior to the commencement of the hearing in this matter the Court will need a map specifying the coordinates of the applicant's amended claim both on the landward and seaward boundaries.

**Churchman J**