

**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-2017-485-193
CIV-2017-485-220
CIV-2017-485-221
CIV-2017-485-224
CIV-2017-485-226
CIV-2017-485-232
GROUP M, STAGE 1(b)**

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

Minute: 20 May 2024

**MINUTE OF GWYN J
(Scheduling of further steps)**

Wāhi tapu evidence

[1] I confirm that the Stage 1(b) hearing on the wāhi tapu evidence has been set down for a five day hearing starting on **Monday 17 February 2025**.

[2] I set the following timetable in my minute of 10 April 2024:

(a) Applicants who are granted CMT orders in the Group M, Stage 1(b) hearing area shall file and serve within 20 working days of the date of delivery of the substantive judgment:

(i) wāhi tapu evidence in relation to this area; and

- (ii) draft CMT orders, including recognition of wāhi tapu or wāhi tapu areas.
- (b) All other parties shall file and serve any wāhi tapu evidence in reply within 20 working days of the date of filing for the applicants' wāhi tapu evidence.
- (c) Applicants shall file submissions on the wāhi tapu evidence by 5.00 pm on **Friday 24 January 2025**.
- (d) Other parties shall file their submissions on the wāhi tapu evidence by **5.00 pm on Monday 10 February 2025**.

[3] I direct for the following dates to be added to the timetable:

- (a) Following the wāhi tapu evidence hearing, Dr Joseph will submit his report regarding the wāhi tapu evidence by Tuesday 4 March 2025.
- (b) On **Monday 17 March 2025**, a one day hearing has been set down to allow counsel to question Dr Joseph on his report regarding the wāhi tapu evidence.
- (c) On **Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 April 2025**, a two day hearing has been set down for closing submissions on wāhi tapu.

Stage 2(b) hearing

[4] A three day Stage 2(b) hearing to finalise the orders made in the Stage 1(b) substantive and wāhi tapu decisions has been set down for **Monday 18 August to Wednesday 20 August 2025**.

[5] If there are any scheduling issues for counsel they should advise the Court as soon as possible.

Gwyn J