

**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

(Continued)

On the papers

Counsel: C Hirschfeld and for Te Hika o Pāpāuma Mandated Iwi Authority  
L Watson for Ngāti Kere hapū  
S Northey and T Hautapu for Trustees of Pāpāuma Marae  
H Ammunsen for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki  
nui-a-Rua  
C Mataira for Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne Tāmaki  
nui-ā-Rua  
H Fletcher for the Pirere whānau and for Ngā Uri o Ngāi  
Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi hapū  
H Swedlund for Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi ki Mōtūwairaka Inc  
and Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi ki Ōkautete Inc  
B Scott for the Seafood Industry Representatives  
J Prebble and D Kleinsman for the Attorney-General

Minute: 29 July 2025

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**MINUTE OF GWYN J**  
**[Pūkenga questions and timetabling]**

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George Ngatiamu Matthews, on behalf of Te Hika o Pāpāuma Mandated Iwi Authority (CIV-2017-404-481)

Ngāti Kere MACA Working Party, on behalf of Ngāti Kere Hapū (CIV-2017-485-193)

Trustees of Pāpāuma Marae (CIV-2017-485-220)

Trustees of Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa Tamaki-Nui-A-Rua Settlement Trust, on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki-nui-a-Rua (CIV-2017-485-221)

Trustees of Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust, on behalf of Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne Tamaki nui-ā-Rua (CIV-2017-485-224)

Rebecca Harper, on behalf of Pirere whānau (CIV-2017-485-226)

Ngāi Tūmapūhia-a-Rangi hapū Incorporated on behalf of Ngā Uri o Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi hapū (CIV-2017-485-232)

INTERESTED  
PARTIES

Sue Taylor, on behalf of Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi ki Mōtūwairaka Incorporated

Sam Morris, on behalf of Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi ki Ōkautete Incorporated

Seafood Industry Representatives

Attorney-General

Central Hawkes' Bay District Council

Manawatū-Whanganui District Council

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Hawkes' Bay Regional Council

[1] At the conclusion of the wāhi tapu evidence last week counsel indicated that they wished to file a joint memorandum addressing finalisation of the questions to be addressed by Dr Joseph in his Pūkenga Report, and timetabling matters.

[2] Counsel for the applicants and the Attorney-General have filed a joint memorandum dated 28 July 2025 addressing those issues. The memorandum advises that counsel for the Greater Wellington Regional Council, Horizons Regional Council and Central Hawke's Bay District Council have confirmed they do not oppose the contents of the joint memorandum. The memorandum advises that counsel for the Trustees of Pāpāuma Marae, Ngāti Kere, Ngāti Kahungunu and the Seafood Industry Representatives were part of finalising the joint memorandum but their acceptance of the finalised wording has not been confirmed.

### **Questions to be addressed in the Pūkenga Report**

[3] Counsel propose some amendments to the questions addressed by Dr Joseph in his Pūkenga Report prepared in the Group M Wairarapa Part 1(a) wāhi tapu proceedings.

[4] I am grateful to counsel for their memorandum. I agree that the questions as amended are those that Dr Joseph should address in his Pūkenga Report. Subject to any further comments from those parties who have not had an opportunity to confirm their final acceptance of the proposed wording, I ask counsel to file an unannotated version of the questions to be addressed by the Pūkenga.

### **Timetable**

[5] The parties have proposed a timetable leading up to and including the week of 11 August 2025 which the court has set aside to conclude the wāhi tapu hearing. The proposed timetable recognises the need for some further applicant evidence to be filed and tested (as I indicated at last week's hearing), as well as the filing and presentation of closing submissions.

[6] I direct the following timetable:

- (a) **Friday 1 August 2025:** Pūkenga Report to be filed.
- (b) **Monday 4 August 2025:** any additional applicant wāhi tapu evidence to be filed.
- (c) **Thursday 7 August 2025:** examination of the Pūkenga (by VMR).
- (d) **11 August 2025:** testing of additional applicant wāhi tapu evidence.
- (e) **Tuesday 12 August 2025:** filing of closing submissions and further testing of additional applicant wāhi tapu evidence, if required.
- (f) **Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 August 2025:** presentation of closing submissions.
- (g) **Monday 20 – Wednesday 22 October 2025 inclusive:** final orders hearing.

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**Gwyn J**