

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

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

**CIV-2017-485-196
CIV-2017-485-250
CIV-2017-485-185
CIV-2017-485-223
CIV-2017-485-514
CIV-2017-485-317
CIV-2017-485-227
CIV-2017-485-513
CIV-2017-485-318
CIV-2017-485-291
CIV -2017-404-568
CIV-2016-485-770**

UNDER	Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011
IN THE MATTER OF	Applications for recognition orders
BETWEEN	TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI AWA for and on behalf of NGĀTI AWA TE TAWHARAU O NGĀTI PŪKENGĀ on behalf of NGĀTI PUKENGĀ Applicants

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Hearing: 13 November 2025 (by VMR)

Appearances: N Coates for Ngai Taiwhakaea Hapū; Te Whanau A Apanui,
Ngāti Makino Heritage Trust and Ngāti Pikiao Iwi Trust,
Ngāti Whakahemo and Ngāti Whakaaue
W I Gucake for Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Awa
U Kuddus for Te Runanga O Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu Inc,
Manu Paora Whanau and Tangihia Hapu
T Thoms for Trustees of Rurima Island Maori Reservation
T H Bennion for Te Tawharau O Ngāti Pukenga
D Kleinsman for Attorney-General (interested party)
T Greensmith-West for Whakatane District Council (interested
party)
R Boyte for Bay of Plenty Regional Council (interested party)

L Burkhardt for Western Bay of Plenty District Council
(interested party)
C Lipsinki for Ford Land Holdings Pty Ltd (interested party)
M Tukapua for Ngāti Hokopu and Te Wharepaia
(MAC-01-07-014) (interested party)

Date of Minute: 21 November 2025

MINUTE (NO.3) OF POWELL J
[Case Management Conference]

MANUKORIHĪ TARAU on behalf of
NGĀI TAIWHAKAEA HAPŪ

MITA RIRINUI for and on behalf of TE
RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WHAKAHEMO

TANGIHIA HAPŪ

THE TRUSTEES OF RURIMA ISLAND
MĀORI RESERVATION

ENID RATAHI-PRYOR, STANLEY
RATAHI an POUROTO NGAROPŌ on
behalf of NGĀTI HIKAKINO, NGĀI TE
RANGIHOUHIRI II and TE TĀWERA

MR LAURIE PORIMA on behalf of
MANU PAORA WHANAU

TE RŪNANGA O TE WHĀNAU on behalf
of TE WHĀNAU A APANUI

NGĀTI MAKINO HERITAGE TRUST
and NGĀTI PIKIAO IWI TRUST on
behalf of NGĀTI MAKINO and NGĀTI
PIKIAO

HOKIMATEMAI KAHUKIWA on behalf
of KOROMATUA HAPŪ OF NGATI
WHAKAUE OF TE ARAWA WAKA

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WHAKAUE KI
MAKETŪ INC on behalf of NGĀTI
WHAKAUE KI MAKETŪ HAPŪ

[1] This case management conference took place in accordance with the direction set out in my Minute (No.2) dated 19 December 2024.

[2] In anticipation of the conference a number of memoranda were filed, including a memorandum on behalf of all of the applicants, and memoranda on behalf of a number of the interested parties including the Crown.

[3] The applicants confirmed that at this stage, that they wish to maintain the time currently allocated for the hearing of the Central Bay of Plenty applications in October 2027. They note, however, that there remain unresolved funding issues as well as an ongoing degree of legislative uncertainty and suggested that a further case management conference be set down for late July 2026.

[4] There was no objection to this proposal. Counsel for the Attorney-General was not able to shed any particular light on the funding issues and together with the other interested parties otherwise did not oppose the directions sought.

[5] Given that position I direct that a further case management conference is to be convened between 13 and 31 July 2026 with a view to fixing a definitive timetable for the October 2027 hearing. Leave is reserved for any applicant or interested party to apply to bring the conference forward on one months' notice should it be necessary to do so, and in particular if it becomes clear that the October 2027 hearing is not required for any reason or urgent funding issues otherwise arise.

Powell J