

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

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

**CIV-2017-404-526  
CIV-2017-404-534  
CIV-2017-485-209  
CIV-2017-485-216**

UNER the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Ngā Hapū o Mokau ki Runga Regional Management Committee (North) on behalf of Ngā Hapū o Mokau ki Runga

AND an application by Te Rangikaiwhiria Kemara on behalf of Ngā Tini Hapū o Maniapoto

AND an application by Paul Douglas Silich on behalf of Ngāti Tama

AND an application by Paula Page on behalf of the Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust

Hearing: On the papers

Counsel: R Siciliano and C Mataira for Ngā Hapū o Mokau ki Runga

Date of Minute 3 March 2026

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**MINUTE OF HARVEY J**

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[1] I thank counsel for the memorandum of 12 February 2026. Counsel seeks to:

- (a) secure an extension for the filing of tangata whenua evidence for the October 2026 hearing;

- (b) file an amended application and revised maps for Mokau ki Runga's Northern Application; and
- (c) request directions to amend the Mokau ki Runga hearing boundary.

[2] According to the registrar, the due date for the filing of tangata whenua evidence set by Churchman J was 13 April 2026. The registrar also confirms that as a result, the requested extension is no longer required.

[3] As to the amendment to the application area, the change moves the northern border for CIV-2017-485-216 southward by approximately two kilometres. This is a reduction of the original application area so can be approved.

[4] Regarding the proposal to amend the hearing area, previously the northern boundary coincided with the Marokopa application and hearing area. Moving it south will leave an area of the takutai moana between the two hearing areas effectively excluded. The only applicant claiming CMT for the strip between Tirua Point and Taungaruroa Point will be Ngaa Tini Hapuu o Maniapoto as there are no Crown engagement applicants for this area of approximately three kilometres wide. As a result, it must be included in either the Mokau ki Runga or Marokopa hearing areas.

[5] Before changing the hearing area as requested by counsel, I direct Ngaa Tini Hapuu o Maniapoto to stipulate which hearing area they prefer to use to have their CMT claim for this strip determined. In any event, Ngaa Tini Hapuu o Maniapoto's specified area includes the top third of Mokau ki Runga north hearing area, and they should be well advanced in their evidence preparation for the coast up to Tirua Point.

[6] In this context, I also direct Ngaa Tini Hapuu o Maniapoto to confirm that their evidence and related preparation for October's hearing is in train.

Harvey J