

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

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

**CIV-2017-485-160; CIV-2017-485-214
CIV-2017-485-229; CIV-2017-485-248
CIV-2017-485-261; CIV-2017-485-273
CIV-2017-485-511**

GROUP N, STAGE 1(a)

UNDER the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai
Moana) Act 2011.

IN THE MATTER OF applications for orders recognising
Customary Marine Title and Protected
Customary rights

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Hearing On the papers
Counsel: (Listed below)
Minute: 17 March 2026

MINUTE OF GRICE J

[1] The Attorney-General has filed a memorandum dated 16 March 2026 indicating first some issues arising in relation to Mr Moody's mapping. The Attorney-General suggests Mr Moody supply further information and seeks to cross-examine him. Secondly, the Attorney-General identifies issues in relation to other places where extinguishment may exist. To that end the Attorney-General seeks that the matters be dealt with in the September hearing which is reserved for CMT rather than dates of 28 and 29 April 2026 (presently reserved for PCRs).

[2] There appears no reason why the issues relating to the clarification of the mapping cannot be dealt with at the April hearing. As the Easter break leaves little time to deal with the further issues before the allocated dates of 28 and 29 April 2026, I make the following directions:

- (a) In view of the Attorney-General's notice of the issues to be raised, Mr Moody is given the opportunity to file further evidence to address those points. Mr Moody should file his further evidence on or before **15 April 2026**. In view of the mapping issues raised by the Attorney-General and given he has had no opportunity to cross-examine Mr Moody on his evidence, it is appropriate he be given that opportunity.
- (b) On the further issues of extinguishment, the Attorney-General is directed to file a memorandum on or before **30 March 2026** (in view of the Easter break commencing on 3 April 2026). Any replies (preferably by joint memorandum) are to be filed on or before **13 April 2026**.

Grice J

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