

**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-2017-485-216**

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

Hearing: On the papers

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

Date of Minute 11 May 2026

MINUTE OF HARVEY J

[1] I thank counsel for their memorandum of 8 May 2026. It is proposed that Professor Wiremu Doherty be appointed pūkenga for these proceedings.

[2] Professor Doherty is well known to me. He is the Chief Executive of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. I am the chairman of the council of that institution and have known Professor Doherty since 2012. Justice Walker has been assigned to hear these proceedings. She is currently involved in a post-graduate course with Awanuiārangi. From time to time, Professor Doherty teaches on the course, along with a number of other professors, academics and external lecturers.

[3] I invite counsel to file any memoranda they consider appropriate regarding any conflict management issues that might arise should Professor Doherty be appointed. I note that counsel confirm that they have approached other potential pūkenga and have set out the challenges they have encountered to date in securing assistance.

[4] Counsel should file their memoranda by 2 pm **Friday 22 May 2026**.

Harvey J