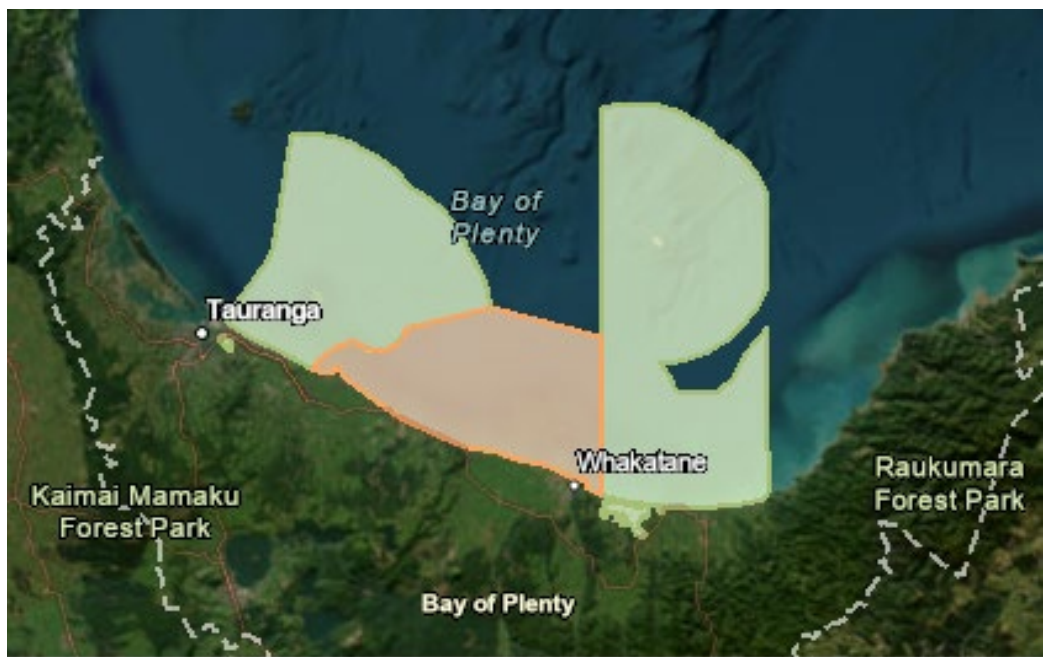


MACA Central Bay of Plenty Hearing Overview

1. Hearing Area

This hearing was allocated by Churchman J in December 2022¹ to deal with MACA applications in “the area between the eastern boundary of the Re Reeder priority proceedings and the western boundary of the Re Edwards priority proceedings”.

In the map below², hearing area is the central orange section. Re Reeder (Ngā Pōtiki) is the green section on the left and Re Edwards (Whakatōhea) is the green section on the right.



2. Dates and venue

On 19 December 2024, following a request from applicants, Powell J adjourned the hearing without date.³ A case management conference will be convened in November 2025 to confirm next steps. In the interim, an 8-week hearing on 4 October 2027 has been reserved.

3. Participants

CIV	Applicant Group	Lead Counsel
CIV-2017-404-568	Ngāti Whakaue	J Kahukiwa
CIV-2017-485-185	Ngāi Taiwhakaea Hapū	T Castle
CIV-2017-485-196	Ngāti Awa	H Irwin-Easthope

¹ [Minute \(no. 13\) of Churchman J, dated 13 December 2022](#) [CMC 2022 – Tauranga & Rotorua (no. 2)]

² Map sourced from [Kōrero Takutai](#)

³ [Minute of Powell J dated 19 December 2024 - Central Bay of Plenty Minute No. 2](#)

CIV-2017-485-223	Ngāti Whakahemo	J Koning
CIV-2017-485-227	Ngāti Hikakino, Ngāi Te Rangihouhiri II and Te Tāwera	L Watson
CIV-2017-485-250	Te Tawharau o Ngāti Pūkenga	T Bennion
CIV-2017-485-291	Ngāti Makino and Ngāti Pīkiao	J Pou
CIV-2017-485-317	Trustees of Rurima Island Māori Reservation	T Castle
CIV-2017-485-318	Te Whānau a Apanui	N Coates
CIV-2017-485-513	Manu Paora Whānau	J Mason
CIV-2016-485-770	Te Runanga O Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu Inc	J Mason
CIV-2017-485-514	Tangihia Hapu	J Mason
Interested Parties	Attorney-General	G Melvin
	Bay of Plenty Regional Council	R Boyte
	Whakatāne District Council	T Greensmith-West
	Tauranga City Council	P Beverley
	Seafood Industry Representatives	B Scott
	Ford Land Holdings Pty Ltd	L Murphy

(Further Interested parties may join)

4. Hearing Timetable

Item	Due dates ⁴
Applicants file their evidence.	18 December 2024
Interested parties other than the Attorney-General file their evidence.	3 March 2025
Attorney-General files evidence.	24 March 2024
Submissions on pūkenga appointment (if required).	28 March 2024
Applicants' evidence in reply to be filed.	14 April 2024
Close of pleadings date.	14 April 2024
All parties file open submissions and bundles of authorities.	28 April 2024
Applicants file any statement of agreed facts.	28 April 2024
Draft joint hearing timetable to be filed.	28 April 2024
Final JC before hearing (if required).	30 April 2025
Hearing date	5 May 2025

⁴ As amended by [Minute of Powell J dated 27 September 2024 - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa & Ors \(No 1\) \(PDF, 671 KB\)](#)