

MACA Group N Hearing Overview

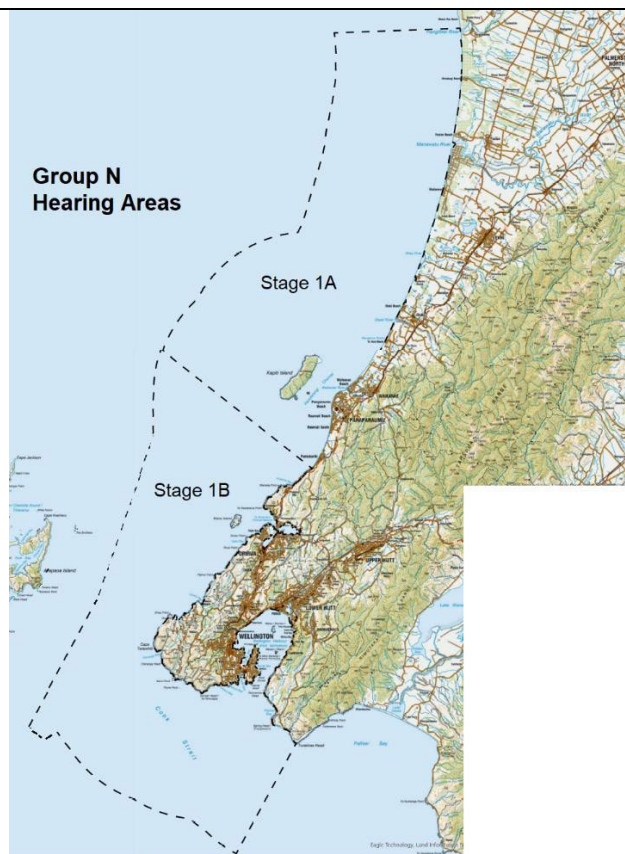
1. Hearing Area

The Attorney-General proposed a set of map groupings for MACA applications in 2017¹ that were formally adopted in 2018². Group N includes applications concerned with the coast from the Whanganui District in the northwest to Turakirae Head in the southeast.

The current Group N hearings exclude the area north of the Rangitikei river.

As shown at right³, the hearing area is divided into:

- **Stage 1A** from the Rangitikei River in the north, and Whareroa⁴ in the south; and,
- **Stage 1B** Whareroa to Turakirae Head.



2. Dates and venue

Stage 1(a) is scheduled to be heard in two parts: 7 weeks starting 13 May 2024, and two further weeks from 29 October 2024

Stage 1(b) has been adjourned to a case management conference in July 2025 while parties pursue Crown engagement.⁵

Hearings will sit at the Wellington High Court.

¹ [Appendix A](#) – Attorney-General Mapping Areas

² [Minute of Collins J dated 21 March 2018](#)

³ Map extracted from Joint Memorandum of Counsel filed 2 September 2022, sourced from [Kōrero Takutai](#) under [Te Arawhiti CC License](#)

⁴ Defined in [Minute of Grice J dated 17 November 2023](#)

⁵ [Minute of Grice J - Group N timetabling Minute No 4](#)

3. Participants

CIV	Applicant Group	Hearing	Lead Counsel
CIV-2017-485-160	Ngāti Tamarangi Hapū	1A	Andrew Irwin
CIV-2017-485-214	David Morgan Whanau	1A	Chris Beaumont
CIV-2017-485-229	Ngati Raukawa ki te Tonga	1A	Natalie Coates
CIV-2017-485-254	Te Patutokotoko	1A	Lisa Black
CIV-2017-485-273	Te Whanau Tima and Te Hapu O Te Mateawa	1A	Bryce Lyall
CIV-2017-485-511	Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa	1A	Self-rep – Chris Shenton
CIV-2017-485-261	Muaūpoko Tribal Authority	1A & 1B	Tom Bennion
CIV-2017-485-248	Te Atiawa Ki Whakarongotai	1A & 1B	Tai Ahu
CIV-2017-485-258	Owners of Hongoeka Block (Williams)	1B	Deborah Edmunds
CIV-2017-485-260	Te Atiawa ki Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui Potiki Trust	1B (Interested party in 1A)	Mireama Houra
CIV-2017-485-211	Tupoki Takarangi Trust	1B	Tara Hauraki
Interested Parties	Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Crown-Engagement) MAC-01-12-021	Both	Deborah Edmunds
	Ngāti Kauwhata	1A	Dr Bryan Gilling
	Ngāti Rangitāne ki Manawatu	1A	Chris Finlayson
	Horowhenua 11 Part Reservation Trust	1A	Cameron Hockly
	Seafood Industry	Both	Bruce Scott
	Attorney General	Both	Simon Barr
	Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council	1A	Paul Beverley / Frances Wedde
	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Both	Paul Beverley / Frances Wedde
	Kapiti Coast District Council	1A	Paul Beverley / Frances Wedde
	Porirua City Council	1B	Matt Conway / Hamish Harwood

Several applicants have reduced their application area in 2023 and now are in 1A only.

As above, there are 8 Applicants involved with Stage 1A and 5 applicants in Stage 1B.

4. Hearing Timetable

Stage 1A Hearing⁶

To be filed	Stage 1(a) dates
Submissions on Pūkenga appointment	27 July ⁷ 2023
Applicants file their evidence	13 November 2023 ⁸
Joint mapping project filed	13 November 2023
CIV-2017-485-273 applicants to file Mr McBurney's evidence	8 December 2023
Interested parties, other than the Attorney-General, file their evidence	13 February 2024
Attorney-General files evidence	12 March 2024
Close of pleadings date	12 March 2024
Attorney-General evidence in reply to Mr McBurney's evidence	28 March 2024
Applicants' evidence in reply	8 April 2024
CIV-2017-485-273 applicants to file any evidence in reply	16 April 2024
All outstanding evidence to be filed	3 May 2024
Further case management conference	6 May 2024
All parties to file submissions and bundles of authorities; Attorney-General to file common bundle	6 May 2024
Parties to file joint memorandum providing hearing timetable	6 May 2024
All parties to file notices of cross-examination	6 May 2024
Hearing for Group N, Stage 1(a) commences, beginning with all opening submissions	13 May – 27 June 2024 ⁹ (Not Sitting 17 May 2024 and 7, 14, 21, 21 June) 2024.
Pūkenga (Ms Milne and Dr Joseph) to file initial report	17 May 2024

⁶ Set by [Minute \(no.3\) of Churchman J, dated 10 November 2022](#) [Group N Stage 1(a) & 1(b) timetabling]

⁷ [Minute of Churchman J dated 13 June 2023](#) [Group N (no 5) Extension for pūkenga nominations]

⁸ Timetable revised [Minute of Grice J dated 16 October 2023](#) [Group N Stage 1A Hearing - amended timetable] .

⁹ [Minute of Grice J dated 24 April 2024 Group N adjournment request and timetable changes](#)

Parties to file joint memorandum proposing specific questions for pūkenga	27 June 2024
Pūkenga to file main report	13 September 2024
Hearing for Group N, Stage 1(a) reconvenes	29 October – 8 November 2024