

MACA Group N Hearing Overview

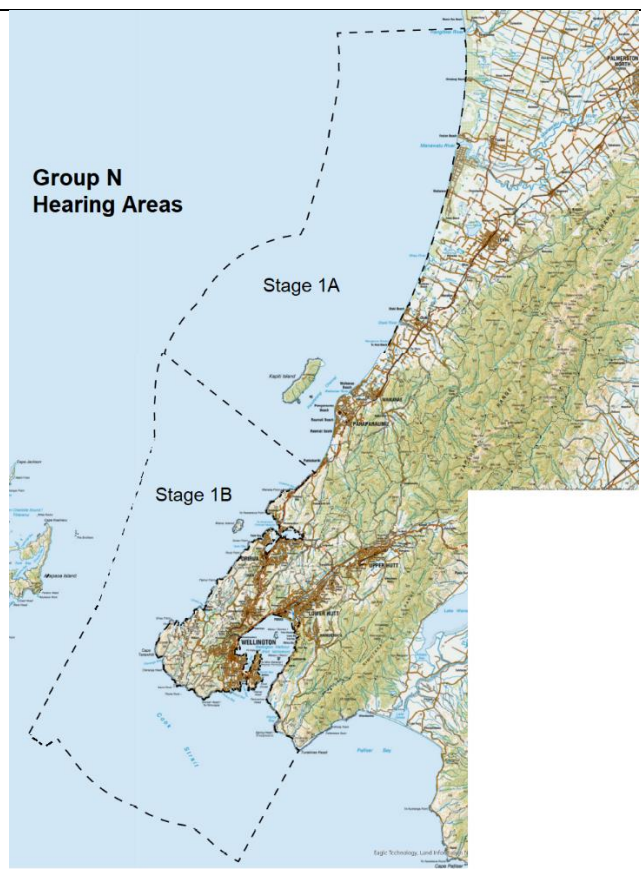
1. Hearing Area

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 1A will be heard over 8 weeks starting 6 May 2024.

Stage 1B will be heard over 8 weeks starting 7 October 2024.

Both hearings will be heard 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](#)

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 (Kahui Legal) |
| CIV-2017-485-254 | Te Patutokotoko | 1A | Lisa Black |
| CIV-2017-485-273 | Te Whanau Tima and Te Hapu O Te Mateawa | 1A | Byce 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 | Horiana Irwin-Easthope (Whaia Legal) |
| 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 | Natalie Coates |
| Interested Parties | Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Crown-Engagement) MAC-01-12-021 | Both | Deborah Edmunds |
| | 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 Hearing⁵

| To be filed | Stage 1(a) dates |
|---|--|
| Submissions on Pūkenga appointment | 27 July ⁶ 2023 |
| Applicants file their evidence | 13 November 2023 ⁷ |
| 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 parties file submissions and bundles of authorities. | 24 April 2024 |
| Attorney General files the common bundle. | 24 April 2024 |
| Draft joint hearing timetable (filed by counsel to assist Court, noting that the Court will regulate its own timetable) | 24 April 2024 |
| Stage 1 Hearing Begins | 6 May 2024 |
| Stage 1 Hearing Ends | Thursday 27 June 2024 (Matariki is Friday 28 June 2024) |

⁵ Set by [Minute \(no.3\) of Churchman J, dated 10 November 2022](#) [Group N Stage 1(a) & 1(b) timetabling]

⁶ [Minute of Churchman J dated 13 June 2023](#) [Group N (no 5) Extension for pūkenga nominations]

⁷ Timetable revised [Minute of Grice J dated 16 October 2023](#) [Group N Stage 1A Hearing - amended timetable] .

Stage 1B Hearing Timetable⁸

| To be filed | Stage 1(b) dates |
|---|-------------------|
| Submissions on Pūkenga appointment | 11 September 2023 |
| Applicants file their evidence | 18 March 2024 |
| Joint mapping project filed | 18 March 2024 |
| Interested parties, other than the Attorney-General, file their evidence | 17 June 2024 |
| Attorney-General files evidence | 15 July 2024 |
| Close of pleadings date | 5 August 2024 |
| Interested parties' file submissions and bundles of authorities | 23 September 2024 |
| Attorney-General files submissions and bundles of authorities | 23 September 2024 |
| Applicants' file opening submissions, statement of agreed facts, and bundles of authorities | 23 September 2024 |
| Draft joint hearing timetable for Stage 1(b) to be filed (filed by counsel to assist Court, noting that the Court will regulate its own timetable) (two weeks before hearing) | 23 September 2024 |
| Stage 1 Hearing Begins | 7 October 2024 |
| Stage 1 Hearing Ends | 29 November 2024 |

⁸ Set by [Minute \(no.3\) of Churchman J, dated 10 November 2022](#) [Group N Stage 1(a) & 1(b) timetabling]