

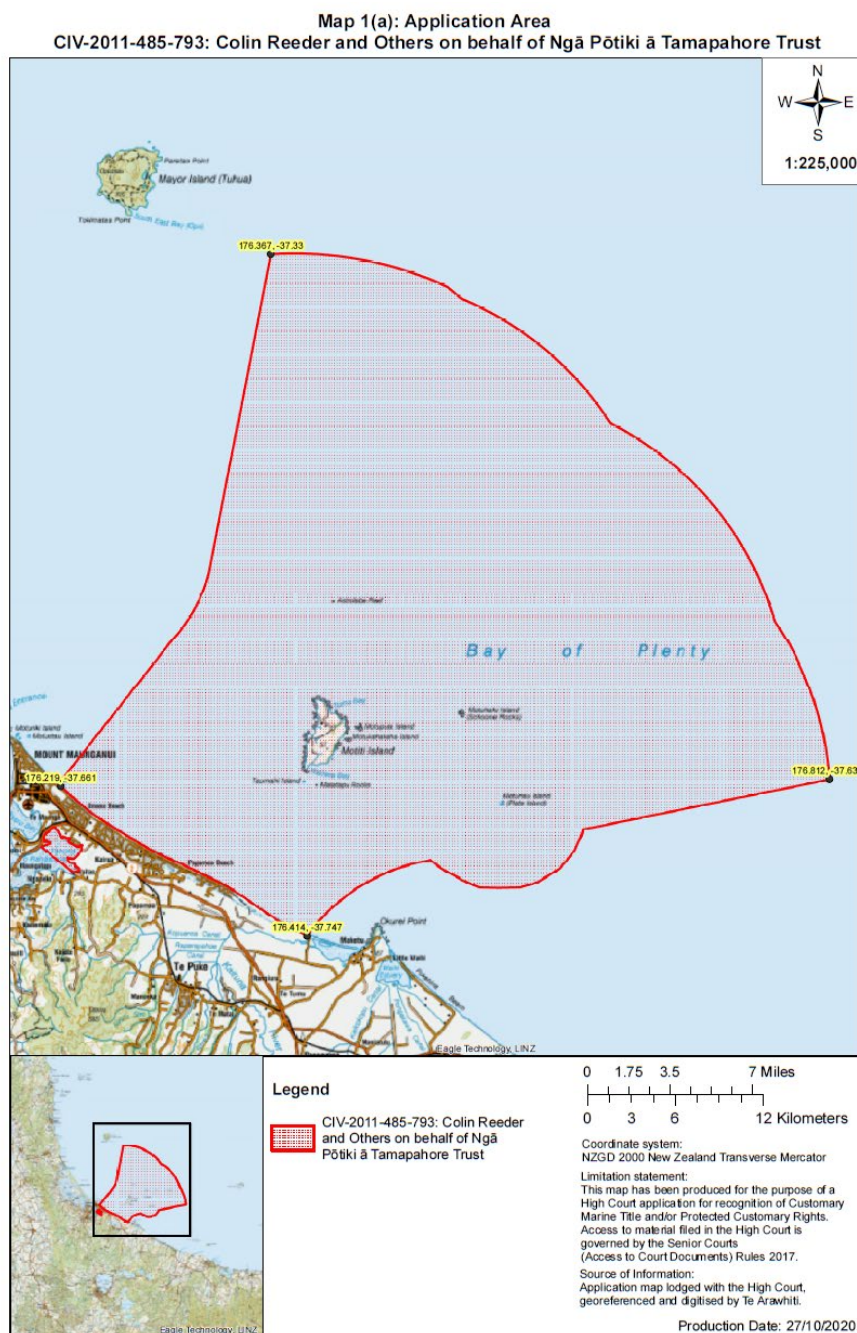
# MACA Ngā Pōtiki Hearing Overview

## 1. Hearing Area

Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust are a priority applicant under [section 125](#) of the MACA Act. In 2019 they proposed that their application be determined in two separate hearings:

Stage 1: Rangataua Inner Harbour

Stage 2: The Seaward balance of their application area including Motiti Island



This hearing scheme was approved by Churchman J<sup>1</sup> and hearing time was allocated.

<sup>1</sup> [Minute of Churchman J - 19 November 2019](#)

## 2. Dates and venue

### *Rangataua CMT Hearing*

The Stage 1 Rangataua Inner Harbour hearing was heard by Powell J at Papamoa over 3 weeks starting on 19 April 2021. A CMT decision was issued on 12 October 2021<sup>2</sup>.

### *Rangataua CMT Hearing*

There was a second hearing on 3 December 2022 to consider wahi tapu status and restrictions. The wahi tapu decision is currently reserved.

### *Ngā Pōtiki Stage 2 (Seaward) CMT Hearing*

The Court sat for four weeks from 28 September 2021 to hear applications included in the seaward portion of the Ngā Pōtiki application area. Powell J's CMT decision is still pending. These proceedings are affected by the passing of the CMT Amendment Act on October 24 2025<sup>3</sup>. Schedule 1AA clause 3<sup>4</sup> of the amended MACA Act requires that the Ngā Pōtiki Stage 2 CMT decision be considered under the new CMT test.

This further consideration may require further hearing time.

## 3. Participants

### **Stage 1 Rangataua Inner Harbour hearing**

CIV-2011-485-793	Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore	R Siciliano
CIV-2017-485-219	Ngāti He	M Sharp
CIV-2017-485-244	Ngāi Te Rangi (Ngāi Tūkairangi and Ngāti Tapu)	J N Gear
CIV-2017-485-250	Te Tawharau o Ngāti Pūkenga	T H Bennion
CIV-2017-485-294	Ngāti Ranginui (Ngāi Te Ahi and Ngāti Ruahine)	N Tahana
<b>Interested Parties</b>	Attorney-General	G Melvin
	Tauranga City Council	P Beverley

### **Ngā Pōtiki Stage 2 (Seaward) Hearing**

CIV	Applicant Group	Lead Counsel
CIV-2011-485-793	Ngā Pōtiki ā Tamapahore	R Siciliano
CIV-2017-485-185	Ngāi Taiwhakaea Hapū	T Castle
CIV-2017-485-196	Ngāti Awa	H Irwin-Easthope
CIV-2017-485-223	Ngāti Whakahemo	J Koning

<sup>2</sup> [Re Reeder & Ors \(Ngā Pōtiki Stage 1 – Te Tāhuna o Rangataua\) \[2021\] NZHC 2726 \[12 October 2021\]](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Marine and Coastal Area \(Takutai Moana\) \(Customary Marine Title\) Amendment Act 2025](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Schedule 1AA](#) clause 3, Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

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 Pikiao	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
<b>Interested Parties</b>	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

#### 4. Hearing Timetable

No current directions are in place for these proceedings.