

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

SC 98/2012  
[2012] NZSC 115

BETWEEN THE NEW ZEALAND MAORI  
COUNCIL  
First Appellant

AND THE WAIKATO RIVER AND DAMS  
CLAIM TRUST  
Second Appellant

AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL  
First Respondent

AND THE MINISTER OF FINANCE  
Second Respondent

AND THE MINISTER FOR STATE-OWNED  
ENTERPRISES  
Third Respondent

Court: Elias CJ, McGrath, William Young, Chambers and Glazebrook JJ

Counsel: C R Carruthers QC and F Geiringer for Appellants  
D J Goddard QC and J Gough for Respondents

Judgment: 18 December 2012

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT**

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- A Leave to appeal, and to appeal direct to this Court, is granted.**
- B The approved ground of appeal is whether the High Court was right to dismiss the application for review.**
- C The respondents will prepare the case on appeal and will file and serve it by 1.00 pm on Friday 21 December 2012.**
- D The appellants are to file and serve their written submissions by 4.00 pm on 18 January 2013.**

- E The respondents are to file their written submissions in reply by 4.00 pm on 25 January 2013.**
  - F The Court will hear the appeal on 31 January and 1 February 2013.**
  - G Leave is reserved to the parties to apply for further directions should they be required.**
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Solicitors:  
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Crown Law Office, Wellington for Respondents