



The Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW ZEALAND | TE TUMU WHAKAWĀ O AOTEAROA

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Auckland jury trials suspended for November

Jury trials cannot be held during Alert Level 3, according to the [operating protocols](#) for the District Court and High Court.

The Chief Justice today announced that in order to provide some certainty to jurors, court participants and the profession, no jury trials will be held for the month of November in Auckland.

Jurors who are summoned to attend court in the Auckland High Court, Auckland District Court and Manukau District Court during November are excused from attending.

Waikato jury trials will not proceed under Alert Level 3

All courts in Waikato are operating to their Alert Level 3 protocols. No new jury trials will begin during Alert Level 3 in Hamilton High Court and District Court.

Jurors who are summoned to attend in Hamilton on Monday 1 November are excused from attending. Further guidance will be issued regarding jury trials in Waikato following the Government's announcement on Waikato alert levels on Monday 1 November.

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APPENDIX: COURT PROTOCOLS AND COURT LISTS BY COURT

Trial courts

High Court | Te Kōti Matua

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District Court | Te Kōti ā Rohe

Upcoming cases: ring 0800 COURTS (0800 268 787)

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Appellate courts

Supreme Court | Te Kōti Mana Nui

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Court of Appeal | Te Kōti Pira

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Summary Appeal Court | Te Kōti Whakawā Pira Whakaraupapa Kaimahi o Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa

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Māori Appellate Court | Te Kooti Pira Māori

[Alert level operating protocol](#) (Māori Land Court | Te Kooti Whenua Māori protocol)

Specialist courts

Coroners Court | Te Kōti Kaitirotiro Matewhawhati

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Court Martial | Te Kōti Whakawā Kaimahi o Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa

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Employment Court | Te Kōti Take Mahi

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Environment Court | Te Kōti Taiao

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Māori Land Court | Te Kooti Whenua Māori

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