

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANGANUI-Ā-TARA ROHE**

**CIV-2009-488-205**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Marine and Coastal Area  
(Takutai Moana) Act 2011

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the trustees of Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust on behalf of Te Uri o Hau

On the papers:

Counsel: R Devine for Applicant  
G Melvin for Attorney-General

Minute: 15 June 2020

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**MINUTE (NO. 13) OF CHURCHMAN J**

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[1] The proceedings are priority proceedings under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (the Act). They were initially commenced in 2009 under the predecessor Foreshore and Seabed Act.

[2] Counsel have previously advised the Court that Te Uri o Hau and the Crown have signed terms of agreement in respect of Te Uri o Hau's application for a recognition agreement under s 95 of the Act.

[3] Counsel for the applicant and the Attorney-General filed a joint memorandum dated 6 May 2020 requesting a further 12 months' adjournment.

[4] The memorandum records that engagement is continuing and remains in the research phase. Te Uri o Hau hopes to have completed their research by the end of 2020 with the Crown completing its research by March 2021.

[5] Counsel indicates that they will update the Court on the Crown engagement process at the end of the adjournment period or such other date as the Court directs.

[6] Notwithstanding the fact that this is the longest outstanding case being dealt with by the Court under the Act, as it seems that the parties are making progress, it is appropriate to adjourn it for a further 12 months.

[7] The case is adjourned until 15 June 2021 and no later than 14 days prior to that date, the parties are to file and serve a memorandum advising the Court of progress.

**Churchman J**