

IN THE HIGH COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND CIV-2017-485-438
WHANGAREI REGISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

the Marine and Coastal
Area (Takutai Moana) Act
2011 (the Act)

AND IN THE MATTER OF

an application by Margret
Hughes for an order
recognising Customary
Marine Title and Protected
Customary Rights.

**APPLICATION BY MARGRET HUGHES
FOR RECOGNITION ORDERS PURSUANT TO THE MARINE
AND COASTAL AREA (TAKUTAI MOANA) ACT 2011**

Dated 3 April 2017



To: The Registrar of the High Court at Whangarei

and to: Whangarei District Council

and to: Northland Regional Council

and to: Department of Conservation

and to: Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi

and to: Ngatiwai Trust Board

and to: The Solicitor General on behalf of the Attorney-General.

This document notifies you that:

1. Margret Hughes will apply to the High Court for an order pursuant to s98 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (“the Act”) to recognise the customary marine title and protected customary rights of the protected customary rights of those Nga Uri o Hairama Pita Kino Davies.

Protected Customary Rights

2. The ancestors utilised the common marine and coastal area for:
 - a) Harvesting of kaimoana and customary fishing including Kingfish, Kahawai, Tamaure, Maomao, Kutai, Loura, Kina and paua
 - b) Hunting birds including oi;
 - c) Pingao and Phormiam tenax/flax; and
 - d) Hangi stones

The Applicant Group:

3. The Henare Waata whanau are of Ngatiwai and Te Whanau Whero descent (“the whanau”).

Area to which the application relates:

4. The area to which this application relates is the common marine and coastal area (as defined in s9 of the Act) that is bounded:
 - a. On the landward side by the line of mean high-water springs;
 - b. On the seaward side by the outer limits of the territorial sea;
 - c. On the Northward side by a line that extends from the coast abutting Kaituna Creek to the outer limits of the territorial sea ;
 - d. On the Southward side by a line that extends from the coast abutting Tauranga Kawau out to the outer limits of the territorial sea;

5. The area includes the common marine and coastal area surrounding the islands within the application area.

Grounds on which the protected customary rights order is sought:

6. The grounds on which this order is sought are that:
 - a. The whanau have fished all types of fish in the application area including white bait, flounder, dabs, snapper and maomao.
 - b. The whanau also seeded and harvested shellfish such as cockles, pipi, oysters, scallops, mussels, kina, paua, relied heavily on harvesting shellfish such as kina, paua, koura, kokota, tuatua and kutai;
 - c. The whanau also hunted marine birds such as Mutton Bird on the foreshore and seabed;
 - d. The whanau have also collected flax, hangi stones and other materials on the foreshore; and
 - e. The whanau have undertaken these activities listed above prior to 1840 and continues to undertake these activities in the application area, albeit in some instances using modern equipment, and in accordance with tikanga.
7. The whanau will provide more information once funding for research and legal representation is secured.

Grounds on which the customary marine title application is made:

8. The grounds on which this order is sought are that:
 - a. The whanau has held the application area in accordance with tikanga since prior to 1840.
 - b. The whanau has exclusively used and occupied the application area from prior to 1840 to the present day without substantial interruption.

9. The whanau will provide more information once funding for research and legal representation is secured.

Contact Details:

6. The Appointed Representative for the whanau is:

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7. This application relies on s51(1), s58, s98-113 of the Act and the affidavit of Peter Waata.

Dated at *Whangarei* on the 3rd of April, 2017

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