

WAITANGI TRIBUNAL
INQUIRY UNDER THE TREATY OF WAITANGI ACT 1975
CONCERNING
MARINE AND COASTAL AREA (TAKUTAI MOANA) CLAIMS (WAI 2660)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Waitangi Tribunal has commenced a kaupapa inquiry into claims concerning the Marine and Coastal Area Act 2011 (the MACA Act). A final deadline for the filing of any new or amended claims seeking to participate in this inquiry has been set.

Date: Wednesday 20 June 2018

Deadline: 12:00pm

**To: The Registrar
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What is the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act Inquiry?

A kaupapa inquiry constitutes the hearing of claims concerning a nationally significant issue that affects Māori as a whole or a section of Māori across Aotearoa/New Zealand in similar ways.

The Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act Inquiry will address two main questions:

- a) To what extent, if at all, are the MACA Act and Crown policy and practice inconsistent with the Treaty in protecting the ability of Māori holders of customary marine and coastal area rights to assert and exercise those rights?
- b) Do the procedural arrangements and resources provided by the Crown under the MACA Act prejudicially affect Māori holders of customary marine and coastal area rights in Treaty terms when they seek recognition of their rights?

A judicial conference was held to commence the inquiry on Thursday 5 April 2018 at the Waitangi Tribunal Unit in Wellington. Following this, memorandum-directions of the Presiding Officer, Judge Armstrong, were released directing several filing dates for parties to adhere to. A copy of this direction can be obtained from the Waitangi Tribunal website (www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz) or can be requested by emailing WT_Requests@justice.govt.nz. Please reference Wai 2660, document #2.5.16.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

Further information on this inquiry can be obtained from:

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Dated at Wellington on 14 May 2018

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