

COMMENT BY NGĀTI HĀUA WITH RESPECT TO MINUTE 12 RFI
14 November 2025

1. The following has been prepared by Ngāti Hāua in response to the requested information in Minute 12 Appendix B.
2. As noted in our letter to the Taranaki VTM Expert Panel dated 10 November 2025 in response to Minute 19 and the response in Minute 21, we acknowledge the mahi of the Expert Panel and the limitations of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024; however, we reiterate our concerns and disappointment regarding the request of hapū and iwi groups for large amounts of information to be provided in a short timeframe. The large number of requests for information is symptomatic of the applicant's poor application and poor engagement process with iwi and hapū groups.

Mana Whenua and Rohe

a. Recognition Instruments

3. Please see appended at Appendix A:
 - A copy of the Ngāti Hāua MACA application.
 - A map of the Ngāti Hāua proposed recognition area.
4. Ngāti Hāua confirm the status of the proceeding is "*awaiting the allocation of a hearing*".

Treaty Settlement Instruments

a. Treaty Settlement Acts and Deeds (including any amended deeds)

5. The settlement instruments that apply to Ngāti Hāua rohe, include:
 - Ngāruahine Deed of Settlement (provided for in Minute 12 Appendix A) and the [Ngāruahine Claims Settlement Act 2016](#), as well as Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo and Te Ture Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 (provided for in Minute 12 Appendix A).
 - As acknowledged during the Taranaki VTM Expert Panel conference in our presentation on 23 November 2025 and as noted in the Deed of Settlement, among other tongi, the rohe of Ngāti Hāua extends from Taranaki Maunga to Tawhiti-nui, Hawaiki-nui, Tawhiti-roa, Hawaiki-roa, Tawhiti-pamamao, Hawaiki-pamamao¹. Ngāti Hāua relies here on the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu response to Minute 12 with regard to the description of key provisions, schedules, maps and other information in the relevant settlement legislation and Deeds.
 - *Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine* (Ngāruahine Kaitiaki Plan 2021) at sections 76 – 81 of the Ngāruahine Claims Settlement Act 2016 and the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Alternative Energy Statement, which draws on Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine are documents referred to in the settlement legislation that are relevant. Ngāti Hāua relies here on the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust, Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangi and Te Tōpuni Ngārahu responses to Minute 12 regarding any further documents.

¹ Ngāruahine Deed of Settlement, Deed of Settlement Schedule: Documents, Page 41.

b. Formal explanatory material

6. The Ngāti Hāua response to this pātai relies on the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust response to Minute 12.

c. Protocol operation

7. The Ngāti Hāua response to this pātai relies on the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust response to Minute 12.

Iwi and Hapū Planning Documents

a. Iwi Management Plan, Hapū Management Plan, or PSGE planning document (relevant to your rohe moana or the project area):

8. The relevant iwi management plan/ PSGE planning document that Ngāti Hāua relies on, is:
- *Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine* (Ngāruahine Kaitiaki Plan 2021) (listed in Appendix A as Ngāruahine Iwi Environmental Management Plan under Ōkahu Inuāwai me ētahi atu hapū)

b. Status

9. Ngāti Hāua response to this pātai relies on the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust response to Minute 12.

Tikanga and kaitiakitanga practice

a. Kaitiakitanga practice and indicators:

10. Providing thorough details of kaitiakitanga and tikanga undertaken in Ngāti Hāua rohe in written form is difficult, particularly given our pāhake and kaumatua have not been engaged as the holders of this matauranga and given this is in response to a RFI whereby the applicant has failed to meaningfully engage with Ngāti Hāua and therefore failed to understand our relationship with the takutaimoana. It is therefore requested the following information, which forms part of the Ngāti Hāua MACA application, must remain confidential and should not be shared publicly or with the applicant:
- The passing of knowledge regarding the takutai, the Moana and Tangaroa from Ngāti Hāua generation to generation is part of our tikanga and kaitiakitanga. This kōrero is a taonga of the hapū, held closely by pāhake and passed on to each generation.
 - Longstanding relationships with whanunga hapū are governed by tikanga; the sharing of kaimoana is undertaken in accordance with the tikanga of toha.
 - Our hapū never turn our back on the moana – there is always someone watching Tangaroa.
 - All stones from the māra that are turned or lifted must be returned to where they were.
 - Reciting of karakia before the takutai is entered, before resources are collected and always recited when tending to a mouri.
 - Acknowledging Ngāti Hāua spiritual guardians Toi and Mangō Taniwha.
 - Returning of the first fish caught to Maru and Tangaroa.
 - Application of a rāhui over the takutaimoana and the māra.
 - Fishing guided by the tides, stars and the moon.

- Ngāti Hāua have used rāhui, mai rānō for a range of activities. As mentioned during the Ngāti Hāua presentation to the conference on 23 November 2025, Ngāti Hāua explained the rāhui, in place over our māra since 2008 is in response to the depletion of mātaimai in the māra. Monitoring of the māra is undertaken by hapū kaitiaki.

b. Rāhui and temporary closures

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Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture

12. Ngāti Hāua response to this pātai relies on the Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust response to Minute 12.

Appendix A: Mana whenua and rohe
a. Recognition Instruments

In the High Court of New Zealand

New Plymouth High and District Court Registry

CIV-2017-485-293

No: ~~Proceedings not yet filed~~

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

In the matter of

The issue of orders recognising the
protected customary rights and
customary marine title of Ngāti Hāua
hapū of Ngāruahinerangi iwi to that part
of the common marine and coastal area
starting at the mouth of the Rāoa
(Rawa) Stream, to the mouth of the
Ōtakeho Stream, and seaward ki
Hawaiki-nui, Hawaiki-roa, Hawaiki-
pāmamao

Between

Applicant

David Wiremu More, [REDACTED]

And

1st Respondent

Craig Stevenson, South Taranaki
District Council, 105-111 Albion St,
Hāwera 4610, Chief Executive

2nd Respondent

Basil Chamberlin, Taranaki Regional
Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
4352, Chief Executive

3rd Respondent

Una Jagose, Crown Law Office, Justice
Centre, 19 Aitken St, Wellington, 6011,
Solicitor-General

4th Respondent Cassandra Crowley, Te
Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust, 147 High
St, Hāwera 4610, General Manager

Originating Application

Next event date: To be determined
Judicial officer: To be determined

Filed by: David Wiremu More, [REDACTED]

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THE HIGH COURT WELLINGTON

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
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To the Registrar of the District and High Court at New Plymouth

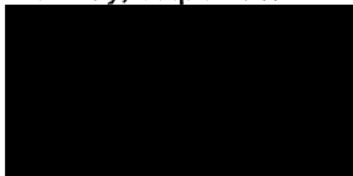
And

To Craig Stevenson, Basil Chamberlain, Una Jagose and Cassandra Crowley

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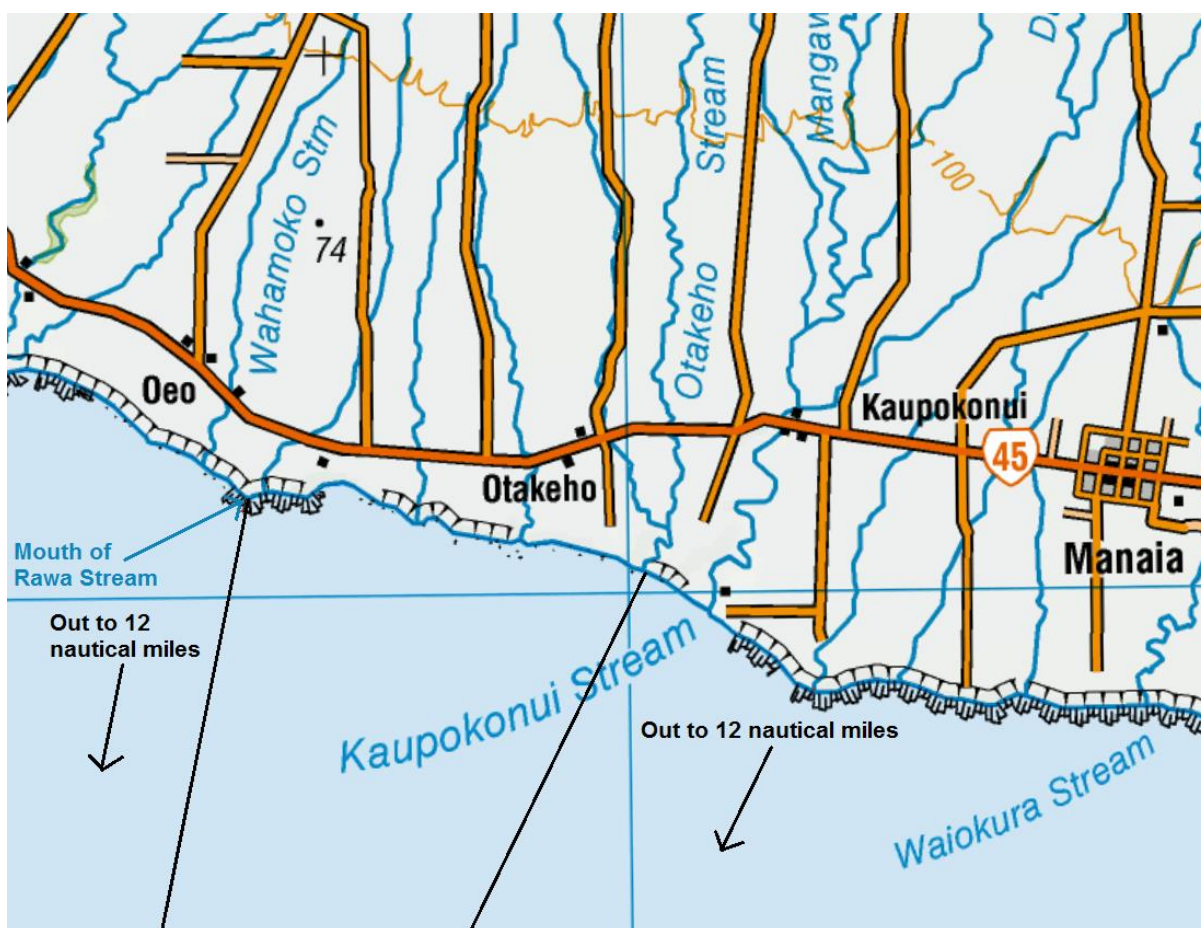
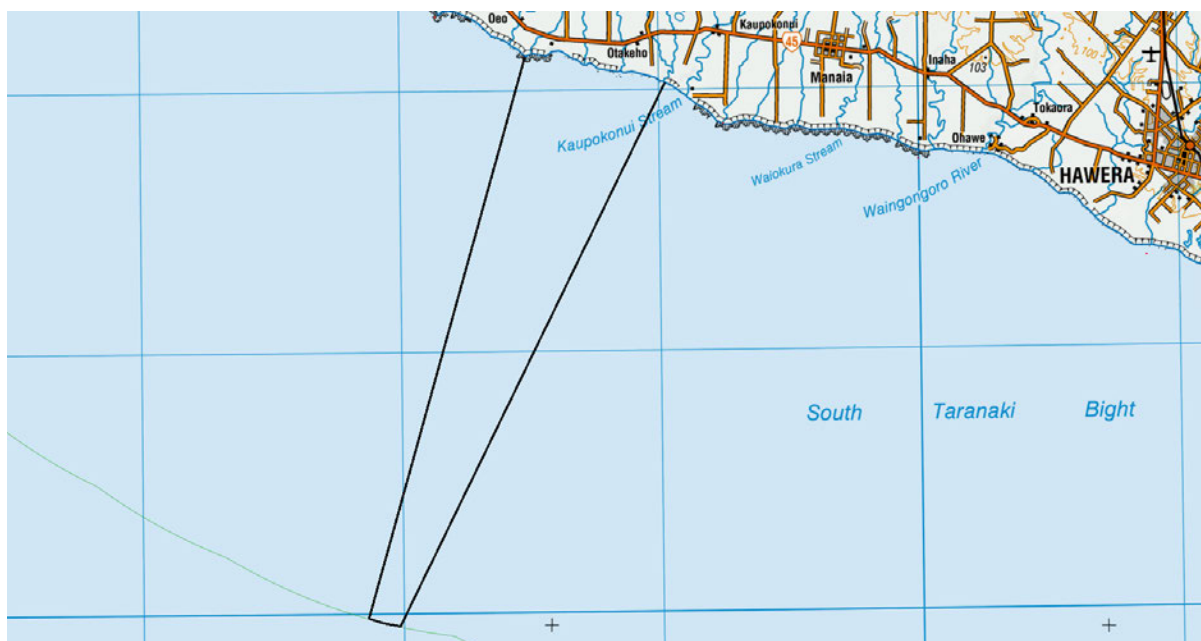
1. The applicant, David Wiremu More, will on _____ apply to the court for orders seeking recognition of the following:
 - a. Customary marine title; and.
 - b. Protected customary rights.
2. The grounds on which each order is sought are as follows:
 - a. Since 1840 to the present day, and without substantial interruption, Ngāti Hāua hapū of Ngāruahinerangi iwi continues to carry out certain customary activities within the common marine and coastal area between the mouth of the Raoa (Rawa) Stream, the mouth of the Ōtakeho Stream, and seaward ki Hawaiki-nui, Hawaiki-roa, Hawaiki pāmamao; and
 - b. Since 1840 to the present day, and without substantial interruption, Ngāti Hāua hapū of Ngāruahinerangi iwi continues to exclusively use and occupy, in accordance with tikanga, the common marine and coastal area between the mouth of the Raoa (Rawa) Stream, the mouth of the Ōtakeho Stream, and seaward ki Hawaiki-nui, Hawaiki-roa, Hawaiki pāmamao.
3. The application is made in reliance on, but not confined to Part 4, Subpart 2 of the *Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011*.

Monday, 3 April 2017



This document is filed by the applicant. The address for service of the applicant David Wiremu More, _____ mobile no. _____ email: _____

Ngāti Haua application area (CIV-2017-485-293)



12 nautical miles out from the mouth of Rāoa/Rawa Stream to the northwest, and from the mouth of Ōtakeho Stream to the southeast.