



PĀNUI TAKUTAI MOANA

September 2022- Information for applicants

E ngā whānau, ngā hapū me ngā iwi o te motu, tēnā koutou katoa. Ko te tūmanako ia, e ora tonu ana koutou. Pānui Takutai Moana provides you with the latest updates and developments that will help you with your takutai moana application.

Dual pathway consultation

We are asking for your feedback on options to fix a problem with the dual pathway under the Takutai Moana Act 2011.

As you know, applications for recognition of customary marine title have been made to the High Court, the Crown, or to both. When all applications in an area are being decided by the same decision-maker this doesn't create any problems. But if some applications over an area are being decided in the High Court, and others by the Crown, then there is a problem because the Act doesn't say how this should work – this is the dual pathway problem.

If the problem isn't fixed, there is a real risk that some groups may not be able to have customary marine title recognised because of it.

You can read more about the problem and the options for fixing it in the attached consultation document. There is also more information on our Te Arawhiti website [here](#).

You can email your feedback on the options to takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz or post it to:

Te Kāhui Takutai Moana
Te Arawhiti
Level 3
The Justice Centre
19 Aitken Street
SX1011
WELLINGTON 6011

You can also email us or call us on 0800 866 222 if you have questions or would like to talk in person about the options.

Submissions close at 5pm on 11 November 2022.

After submissions close, Minister Little will consider the feedback you give before he asks Cabinet to agree on how best to fix the problem. Cabinet agreement is necessary because the Act will need to be changed.

Resource Management Reform

The Government is replacing the Resource Management Act (RMA), and the Minister for the Environment, Hon David Parker, is leading the reforms to do that. The current plan is to introduce the Bills to replace the RMA later this year.

We have updated the information on our website about upholding the takutai moana rights connected to the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA). The information covers how the resource management rights under the Takutai Moana Act 2011 are being upheld in the resource management reforms.

We worked alongside the Ministry for the Environment, as well as with a group of takutai moana and resource management experts, to provide Ministers with advice on upholding these rights through the reforms.

The information on our website can be found [here](#). Once the Bills replacing the RMA are introduced, a select committee will invite submissions on the Bills. We will let you know when this happens, so that you can decide how you want to participate in the select committee process.

HOW TO CONTACT US

For any queries about this pānui please contact us at takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz.