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**Update on consultation timeframes for the Financial Assistance Scheme (the Scheme)**

Our [5 July pānui](#) we notified you of the decisions Cabinet made to address the unprecedented demand on the Scheme for the 2024/25 financial year, and the requirement that the Scheme be managed within its annual \$12.023 million appropriation for future years.

In our previous [pānui of 24 May](#), we said our intention was to consult with applicants on changes to the Scheme for future years in July 2024.

We remain committed to consulting you on the long-term changes to the criteria and processes for the Scheme, but we will now be consulting with applicant groups in September 2024.

**Additional information on proposed changes to Takutai Moana Act**

Following the Government’s announcement on 25 July 2024, [we updated you](#) on the Government’s proposed changes to Section 58 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 and the potential impact of those changes on customary marine title (CMT) applications.

Some applicants have asked for more information on the legislative process. The drafting of the Bill is underway. The Government’s current timetable is to seek Cabinet’s approval for introduction of the Bill in mid-September. The Government intends to pass the legislation by the end of 2024.

You can access relevant information about the proposed changes on our website:

Amendments to Section 58 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana Act 2011)	<a href="#">Amendments to Section 58</a>
Frequently Asked Questions	<a href="#">Takutai Moana Section 58 Amendments FAQ</a>
Press release from Hon Paul Goldsmith, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations dated 25 July 2024 (press release is also <b>attached</b> to this pānui)	<a href="#">Test for Customary Marine Title being restored</a>
Documents relating to Takutai Moana section 58 amendments	<a href="#">Takutai Moana Act section 58 amendment documents</a>

## **Takutai Moana Pānui – 2 August 2024**

**Reminder:** If you have any feedback on the proposed section 58 amendments, please provide this to us by Thursday 15 August at [takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz)

### **Have your contact details changed?**

If your contact details have changed, please email us at [takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz) so we can update our records.

If you have any pātai, please contact our team at [takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz)