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Attention April Hussey

By Email ahussey@linz.govt.nz

Dear April

Port of Tauranga Limited - Application for freehold interest in reclaimed land

- On 11 May 2017 we wrote to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and out of an abundance of caution advised it of applications under the Marine and Coastal Area Act 2011 (MACAA) which had been made to the High Court for recognition orders in relation to land surrounding the area subject to the Port's application for a freehold interest in reclaimed land.
- 2. The Ministry of Justice is still uploading applications which have been made to the Crown for recognition agreements onto its website and of the 70 applications that have been made in relation to the Bay of Plenty region, only 20 have been uploaded so far.
- 3. Of these 20 applications, two applications appear to be for rights over the common marine and coastal area adjacent to the reclamation, and one of these applications is made by the same applicants that have applied for a recognition order and which we previously advised LINZ of (Ngati Ranginui). The other application is a claim for protected customary rights by Ngai Tamarawaho. A map showing the area over which protected customary rights are sought is **attached**.
- 4. As our previous letter suggested, we do not consider the applications should prejudice our client's application. The rights which can be granted under MACAA are in relation to the common marine and coastal area and the area of reclaimed land which the Port seeks an interest in is not in the common marine and coastal area but is land which was reclaimed in 1992 and 2013 and which has been exclusively used and occupied by the Port of Tauranga since those dates.
- 5. If you could kindly provide us with an update regarding the progress of the Port's application it would be much appreciated.

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Yours faithfully HOLLAND BÉCKETT

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