

# Te Kooti Whenua Māori Waikato Maniapoto District

*Whenua Use and Development Readiness*  
Waikato-Tainui Papakainga Waananga  
Hopuhopu Chambers  
25 Maaehe 2023

**Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993** (our Act) recognises the significance of Māori land as a taonga tuku iho of special significance to Māori. Our role is to provide *a court service for owners of Māori land, their whānau and their hapū* which:

- promotes the *retention and use* of Māori land
- facilitates the *occupation, development and use* of that land

It aims to balance the protection of Māori land for future generations with the ability to use and develop land to meet the aspirations of whānau.



# Our Judiciary



**Chief Judge Wilson Isaac**

Since 2009

## Resident Judge for Hamilton

Judge Rachel Mullins



Deputy Chief Judge Caren Fox

Judge Carrie Wainwright

Judge Stephanie Milroy

Judge Craig Coxhead

Judge Michael Doogan

Judge Miharo Armstrong

Judge Sarah Reeves

Judge Damian Stone

Judge Terena Wata

Judge Aidan Warren

Judge Te Kani Williams

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# Our District

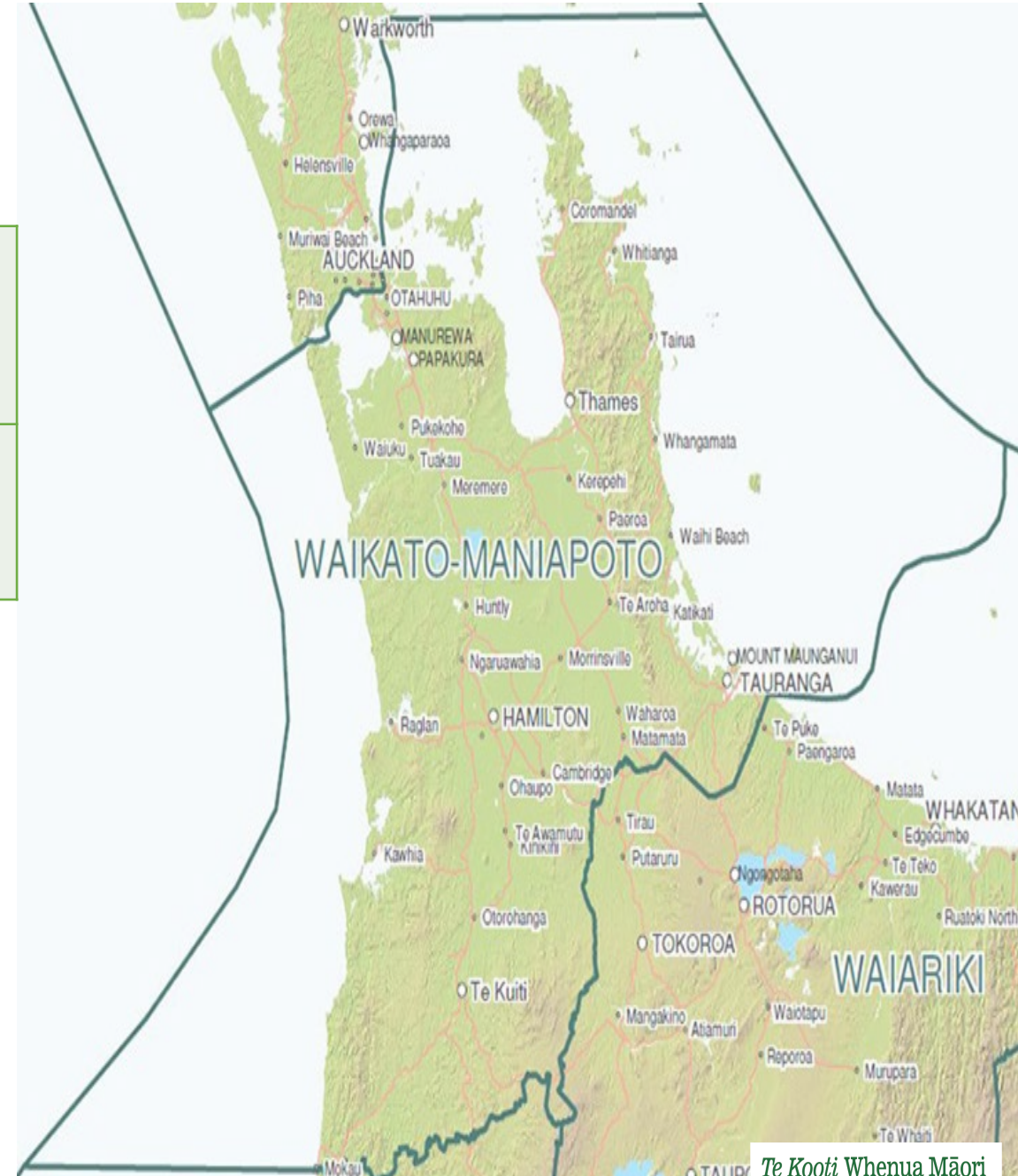
<b>AWT</b>	<b>Māori Incorporations</b>	<b>Māori Reservations</b>	Trust Applications Title Improvements Community Engagement Court Directed Meetings
953	16	303 (150 Marae)	
<b>Māori Land Owner Organisations (MLOO)</b>	<i>Technical – Court Processes and Requirements &amp; Community Engagement</i>		

## Oranga Marae Programme

- Encourage Charter Review  
- Dispute Resolution Clause
- Site Plan (Whole of Block)

## Māori Land Organisations

- Trust Review (s.231/93 or 351/93)
- Variation of Terms of Trust (244/93)  
- Dispute Resolution Clause
- Site Plan (Whole of Block)



Te Kōwhiri Whenua Māori



Māori Land Court

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# ***Whenua Use and Development Readiness***

## ***Features of Māori Freehold Land and General Land Owned by Māori***

- Multiple Ownership
- Rural & undeveloped/underdeveloped
- Many blocks do not have management structures
- Blocks with management structures - resourcing, capacity & capability issues

## ***Management Structures or Māori Land Owner Organisations or Māori Land Trusts***

- Active
- Functioning
- Engaged underlying ownership base
- Planning Tools and Administrative Capability



# Trust and Title Improvement Applications

## *Part 9: Trust Applications*

*Sections 231 or 351 Review*

*328 Enforcement of Obligations*

*239 Add, reduce or replace trustee(s)*

*240 Remove a trustee (for cause)*

*241 Terminate a trust*

*244 Variation of Terms of Trust*

*- What provision is there for 'papakāinga'?*

## *Part 14 -16: Title Reconstruction & Improvement*

*Sections 289 Partition – Full or Hapū*

*296 Dwelling Site*

*315 Easements*

*316 Roadways*

*328 Occupation Orders*

*(Licences to Occupy – Trust Discretion)*

*332 Surveys*

*2021 - Simple and Uncontested Applications*

# Our Management Structures

Type	TTWM Act - Authority	Rules Document	Beneficiary Class
Ahu Whenua Trust - Administers block/s	Section 215 Part 12	Trust Order/Deed <i>* Includes Section 438 Trust, Māori Affairs Act 1953 Trusts</i>	<b>The Beneficial Owners</b>
Whanau Trust - Administers shares	Section 214 Part 12	Trust Order/Deed <i>* Provision for block</i>	<b>A class as determined in the Trust Order</b>
Whenua Tōpū - Administers blocks	Section 216 Part 12	Trust Order/Deed	<b>A class as determined in the Trust Order</b>
Māori Reservations Trusts: Marae - Administers reservation	Section 338 Part 12 Part 17	Charter • <i>Can adopt a Trust Order</i> Māori Reservation Regulations 1994	<b>As determined by the Gazette Notice</b>
<i>Māori Incorporations - Manages blocks as a company</i>	<i>Section 247 Part 13</i>	<i>Māori Incorporation Constitution Regulations</i>	<i>Shareholders</i>



# *Optimising Community Engagement*

## ***“Pataka Whenua”***

*MLC new IT database system, proposed launch late Oct/early Nov.*

- Transition Mode*
- New Business Processes*
- Refreshed Website*
- Replaces Māori Land on Line*

*Delivering Māori Land Court  
Education Seminars  
– proposal for 2023*

*Stronger partnerships  
for building Māori Land Owner  
governance capability*

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## Contact Us

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### **Websites**

Māori Land Court [www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz](http://www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz)

Māori Land on Line [www.maorilandonline.govt.nz](http://www.maorilandonline.govt.nz)

***Existing Ahu Whenua Trust Enquiries - invitation to trust meeting***

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