



MĀORI LAND COURT JUDGMENT DELIVERY EXPECTATIONS

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Judgment delivery expectations

All judges of the Māori Land Court aim to deliver decisions as promptly as possible.

Most applications filed in the Court are resolved in Court, or in Chambers, especially the more straightforward ones. However, some cases may require a reserved judgment at the conclusion of the hearing.

The judges of the Māori Land Court expect that 90% of Court judgments will be delivered within three months of the last day of hearing or receipt of the last submission in the case in question. This period does not include court vacations.

On occasion a judge may advise parties that a judgment will take longer than three months to deliver due to the complexity of the case or other pressing matters of court business.

Inquiry about delayed judgments

If you are concerned about a delay in delivering a reserved judgment in the Māori Land Court in a case in which you have an interest (or are the legal representative for someone with an interest), an inquiry should be made to Chief Registrar.

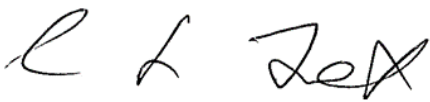
The following details should be included in an inquiry:

1. The name of the proceedings and the case number.

2. Your role in the proceedings (e.g. applicant, respondent, legal representative for the applicant).
3. The date on which the judge reserved their judgment.

The Chief Registrar will make an inquiry as to the likely delivery time and respond to the inquiry in writing. The Chief Registrar will ordinarily be able to advise the inquirer when the judge considers the reserved judgment will be able to be released. The Chief Registrar will also advise other parties to the proceedings of the expected date of delivery.

The inquirer's identity will not be revealed to the judge.



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