

MĀORI LAND COURT**Place:** Wellington**Present:** M J Doogan, Judge
A Tibble, Clerk of the Court**Date:** 31 August 2026**Application No:** AP-20260000003668
AP-20250000003542
AP-20260000003819**Subject:** William Williams also known as Kupe Williams or Kupe Taare or Kupe Taurerewa or Kupe Hinewai or Kupe Tuwharetoa or Kupe Tuwhatetua – application for re-hearing**Legislation:** Section 43(3), Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993

CHAMBERS MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF JUDGE M J DOOGAN

1. By directions dated 19 August 2026 I directed the Registrar to make arrangements for the appointment of Mr Glen Tootill as counsel for the estate of Trevor Kupe Treanor (544 Aotea MB 11-12).
2. I had previously set the re-hearing application and application pursuant to Section 9 of the Family Protection Act 1995 down for hearing at the conclusion of the ordinary list of the sitting of the Court at Palmerston North on this Thursday September the 3rd 2026.
3. By memorandum dated 28th of August 2026 Mr Tootill noted that he had that day received instructions to act for Susan Waetford, the executor of the estate to Trevor Te Kupenga Treanor. Mr Tootill seeks an adjournment of the hearing for at least one week in order to familiarise himself with the history of the matter, to review the documents filed and to seek full instructions from the executor.
4. Mr Tootill also notes that the executor is open to mediation if the other parties are in agreement.
5. The Registrar has today received email correspondence from Mr Watson (counsel for the applicants) noting that his clients do not oppose an adjournment for a short period of time and that his clients reiterate that they are amenable to mediation. Mr Watson further advises that a reconvened hearing (or mediation) would not be suitable between 17 September and 20 October and 29 October and 2 November due to availability of counsel.



6. Also by way of email to the case manager, counsel for the respondent parties opposes the application for adjournment. Dr Paul submits that the request is untimely and would result in severe prejudice to the respondents and is made without proper justification. Dr Paul notes that respondents have already booked travel from Christchurch to attend in person. Counsel also argues that mediation is premature and that a proposal to divert the hearing to mediation at this late stage without purpose or prior notice is unfair and is declined by the respondents. She asks that the adjournment be declined and that the hearing proceed.

Directions

7. Regrettably, I am of the view that it is necessary to adjourn the hearing set down for 3 September 2026 in order to provide Mr Tootill with a reasonable opportunity to take instructions.
8. I acknowledge that the need for the adjournment has arisen primarily because I had overlooked a previous indication from Mr Watson that representation should be secured for the estate of Trevor Treanor. In light of this, any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the respondents due to the need to change travel arrangements will be met from the Court's Special Aid Fund.
9. The Registrar is to make inquiries of the parties to see whether they are available for a special fixture at Palmerston North on the 10th, 11th or 14th of September.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of August 2026.

Copies to the parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm j Doogan'.

M J Doogan
JUDGE