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Lee Short

By email: leeshort@xtra.co.nz

Dear Mr Short

Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

Thank you for your email of 16 October 2018 to the Attorney General (AG) and myself seeking clarification of AG's role in High Court proceedings under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (the Act).

I am responding to you as this matter falls within my portfolio as Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.

The AG is currently a party in each proceeding under the Act and as such represents the public interest by supporting the purposes of the Act. The AG will not automatically oppose all applications.

However, where the AG is satisfied that an applicant has not been able to meet the tests in the Act, he will advise the court accordingly, in both written and oral submissions.

In the High Court, any interested person may appear and be heard on an application for a recognition order under the Act. There is a small fee attached to this for all those who wish to be an interested party. A fee waiver can be applied for in certain circumstances.

Yours sincerely


Hon Andrew Little
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations