



# Expressions of Interest

Te Mana Pira Tūranga Rerenga

## Judge of the Māori Land Court

The Minister of Māori Affairs wishes to hear from suitably qualified persons who would like to be considered for the position of Judge of the Māori Land Court.

The Māori Land Court's primary objective under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 is to promote the retention of Māori land in the hands of its owners and to facilitate the occupation, development, and utilisation of that land by its owners, their whānau, and hapū.

The Māori Land Court also plays a specific role in dispute resolution matters arising under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 and the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004, and has jurisdiction to determine rights under the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004.

The successful candidate for the position should demonstrate legal excellence, as well as knowledge and understanding of te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and the Treaty of Waitangi. Candidates must also have held a practising certificate as a barrister or solicitor for at least seven years. A full Position Description incorporating the relevant appointment criteria, and an Expression of Interest form, can be accessed via Te Puni Kōkiri's website at [www.tpk.govt.nz](http://www.tpk.govt.nz)

Please forward the completed Expression of Interest form and a current curriculum vitae to the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri, PO Box 3943, Wellington, or fax (04) 819 6297 by Friday, 9 July 2010.

Applications are being sought to fill two vacancies for this position. If you applied for a position as a Judge of the Māori Land Court when the vacancy was advertised in March 2010 you are not required to reapply. Applications already received and all new applications will be considered for both vacancies.

For further information, or for a copy of the Position Description or Expression of Interest form, contact Greg Reilly at Te Puni Kōkiri on telephone (04) 819 6130 or email [reilg@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:reilg@tpk.govt.nz)