



# Expressions of Interest

Te Mana Pīra 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. This position is to be based in Wellington.

The Māori Land Court's primary objective under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 is to promote and assist in the retention of Māori land in the hands of its owners, and the effective use, management and development of that land by or on behalf of its owners, their whānau and hapū.

The Māori Land Court also has jurisdiction to determine disputes under the Māori Fisheries Act 2004 and the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004, and has jurisdiction under the Protected Objects Act 1975.

The successful candidate for the position of Māori Land Court Judge should demonstrate legal excellence, as well as knowledge and experience 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 6267 by 5pm, Tuesday 14 June 2011.

For further information, or for a copy of the Position Description or Expression of Interest form, contact Lizzie Wesley-Smith at Te Puni Kōkiri on telephone (04) 819 6211 or email [wesll@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:wesll@tpk.govt.nz)