



Expressions of Interest

Judge of the Māori Land Court

The Minister for Māori Development 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.

A Māori Land Court Judge's core responsibility is to exercise the jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court and the Māori Appellate Court conferred by Statute, principally under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. The Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal may also appoint judges of the Māori Land Court under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 to serve as presiding officers for Waitangi Tribunal inquiries.

The successful candidate for the position of Māori Land Court Judge 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

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 6140, or by email at hippm@tpk.govt.nz by **Tuesday, 23 October 2018**.

For further information, or for a copy of the Position Description or Expression of Interest form, contact Varshini Suresh at Te Puni Kōkiri by telephone on (04) 819 9206 or by email at surev@tpk.govt.nz