



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Summary

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Māori Land Court Fees Amendment Regulations 2026

Portfolio	Māori Development
Purpose	This paper seeks authorisation to submit the Māori Land Court Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (the Regulations) to the Executive Council.
Previous Decisions	None.
Proposal	The Plant Variety Rights Act 2022 created a right of appeal to the Māori Appellate Court on certain decisions but did not specify fees for filing appeals. The Regulations will specify these fees, at the same level as those for other applications to the court: \$228 for filing an appeal, and \$68 for filing an application for leave to appeal out of time.
Compliance	Parliamentary Counsel certified the Regulations on 19 March 2026 as being in order for submission to Cabinet.
Timing Matters	The Regulations come into force on 30 April 2026.
Consultation	Paper prepared by TPK. MBIE, MoJ, and the Treasury were consulted. The Minister indicates that all Ministers were consulted.

The Minister for Māori Development recommends that the Committee:

- 1 note that the Minister for Māori Development approved the drafting of the Māori Land Court Fees Amendment Regulations 2026 (the Amendment Regulations) to specify a fee of \$228 for filing an appeal, and \$68 for filing an application for leave for appeal out of time, under section 71 of the Plant Variety Rights Act 2022;
- 2 note that the Amendment Regulations give effect to the above decision;
- 3 authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the Māori Land Court Fees Amendment Regulations [PCO 27193/6.0];
- 4 note that the Amendment Regulations come into force on 30 April 2026.

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Committee Secretary

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