



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Summary

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Māori Land Court Amendment Rules 2026

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| Portfolio | Māori Development |
| Purpose | This paper seeks authorisation to submit the Māori Land Court Amendment Rules 2026 (the Rules) to the Executive Council. |
| Previous Decisions | None. |
| Proposal | The Rules give effect to minor procedural and technical changes approved by the Māori Land Court Rules Committee. |
| Compliance | Parliamentary Counsel certified the Rules on 19 March 2026 as being in order for submission to Cabinet. |
| Timing Matters | The Rules commence on 30 April 2026. |
| Consultation | Paper prepared by TPK. MCH, MBIE, and MoJ were consulted. The Minister indicates that all Ministers were consulted. |

The Minister for Māori Development recommends that the Committee:

- 1 note that the Māori Land Court Rules Committee (the Committee) has resolved to make minor and technical changes to the Māori Land Court Rules 2011 (the Rules);
- 2 note that section 95 of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 requires the concurrence of the Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court, and two or more members of the Committee, to rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Māori Land Court and Māori Appellate Court;
- 3 note the advice of the Minister for Māori Development that this requirement has been met;
- 4 authorise the submission to the Executive Council of the Māori Land Court Amendment Rules 2026 [PCO 26299/15.0];
- 5 note that the Māori Land Court Amendment Rules 2026 come into force on 30 April 2026.

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Committee Secretary

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