

Māori Land Court COVID-19 Level 4 protocol Effective as at 11:59pm, 25 March 2020

1. This protocol has been set in light of the announcement made by the Prime Minister that, as at 11:59pm on 25 March 2020, New Zealand will move to Level 4 of the Covid-19 Alert System.
 2. At Level 4 of the Alert System, people are instructed to stay at home and travel is strictly limited.
 3. As a result of this announcement all currently scheduled Māori Land Court hearings and other events are adjourned while the country is at Level 4. All hearings and other events will be rescheduled once we have ceased to be at Level 4.
 4. If there is any application for urgent injunctive or other relief filed with the Court during this period, it is to be directed to me to address.
 5. In terms of any filing with the Māori Land Court during this period, the following rules shall apply:
 - During the continuation of the Level 4 alert all filing of court documents is to be electronic. If a party does not have the ability to file electronically, mail will still be periodically checked. Because of hygiene requirements there will however be a delay in processing documents received by mail.
 - No documents will be received for filing in person at court registries.
 - For documents filed during the continuation of the Level 4 alert (whether electronically or by mail), pursuant to the provisions of s 24 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006, the payment of filing fees is hereby waived.
 - All electronic filing is to be to the following address: mlcnationaloffice@justice.govt.nz
 - All filing by mail to this address: Māori Land Court
DX: SX 11203
Wellington
- Or to:
- Māori Land Court
Level 7
141 The Terrace
Wellington 6011
- If any party wishes to contact the Court regarding an urgent matter, that is also the address to use.

Chief Judge Wilson Isaac

25 March 2020