

Morrison Kent – Record of engagement for WEGC.

	Date	Description
Marine and Coastal Area Act 2011 Application	3 April 2016 – ongoing	<p>An application has been lodged with the Office of Treaty Settlements under the Marine and Coastal Areas Act 2011, for recognition of the Waitaha Grandmothers, and their associated hapus', customary marine rights in various coastal marine areas.</p> <p>The areas included in this application are in the South Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maori Bay - Golden Bay - Pohara - Wairu Bar, River Valley - Mangamaunu - Kaikoura - Waimakariri - Karorokaroro /Pegasus Bay, - Te Ara tapu o Rongomaraeroa. - Temuka - Waitaki - Te Waewae Bay - Rakiura - Anita Bay - Arawhata - Waitaha Valley; and - Hokitika <p>North Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuhaka - Hauraki - Waitaha (1st Pa Waitangi) - Ahipara Waitaha Bay - Pawarenga - Mitimiti - Pangaru/Waitaha - Hokianga - Waipoua - Potu Kaipara - Horowhenua - Porirua - Wellington - Matu Motu <p>The Office of Treaty Settlements has received many applications, like that filed by the Waitaha</p>

		Grandmothers. The Office hopes to have all the applications with a description of the application area loaded to their website within the next few months.
Waitangi Tribunal Urgent Hearing – Grievances of Maori Children put into State Care (MSD Claim)	7 April 2017 – ongoing	The Grandmother Council of Waitaha Nation have notified the Tribunal that they support an urgent inquiry into the remedies process for Maori children who have been abused or neglected in state care. This is because the focus of the Waitaha Grandmothers is on protecting and improving the lives of young people.
Water Conservation Order Application	29 March 2017 – ongoing	<p>This is an application under the Resource Management Act to have 38 awa in Te Puna Waiponamu protected under a Water Conservation order. The application has been sent to the Minister for the Environment with supporting evidence around the recreational, cultural, spiritual and environmental importance of these rivers.</p> <p>The Water Conservation Order application is currently being reviewed by the Ministry for the Environment. We are awaiting their response.</p>
Meeting with MBIE in Whangarei re plant varieties stuff	3 March 2017	<p>The Grandmothers have met with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment on Friday 3 March 2017 to discuss the Plant Variety Rights Act review.</p> <p>Plant Variety Rights (PVRs) are exclusive rights afforded for a limited period of time to breeders of new plant varieties. There is concern over what this means for Maori. We are worried that awarding rights to breeders may impinge on or remove existing rights of Maori to use and benefit from native plants and rongoa.</p>
Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry (Wai 2575)	13 March 2017- ongoing	<p>The Waitaha Grandmothers have joined the Health Kaupapa Inquiry which raises principal health concerns with the Crown. These concerns include issues such as the failure to recognise Maori systems and methods of healthcare, a failure to ensure that Maori are meaningfully represented and consulted in the decision making processes and more.</p> <p>The Waitaha Grandmothers may be required to provide further evidence on these health claims at a later date. For now, the Tribunal is aware of</p>

		the interest the Grandmothers have in this inquiry.
Trademark application for word 'Waitaha'	7 February 2017	The Waitaha Grandmothers have filed a Trade Mark application for the words "Waitaha Nation." This is to ensure the use of the words is reserved for the Waitaha Nation, and to allow the Grandmothers to be notified of any other applications for using and profiting from these words.