

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH**

**I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI**

**[2022] NZEmpC 99
EMPC 169/2022**

IN THE MATTER OF an ex-parte application for a freezing order

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application for continuation of freezing
order

BETWEEN LISA KINGIPOTIKI
First Applicant

AND JASON KINGIPOTIKI
Second Applicant

AND DARREN COLLINS
Third Applicant

AND AMANDA POTROZ
Fourth Applicant

AND IAN MARK TAPLIN AND SOUTH
TARANAKI TRUSTEES LIMITED AS
TRUSTEES OF THE I M TAPLIN
FARMING TRUST
Respondent

Hearing: 3 June 2022
(by telephone)

Appearances: J Copeland and A Ford, counsel for applicants
M Gundesen, counsel for respondent

Judgment: 7 June 2022

**INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT OF JUDGE K G SMITH
(Application for continuation of freezing order)**

[1] On 30 May 2022 I granted an application for a freezing order against the trustees of the I M Taplin Farming Trust.¹ That order was to have effect until 7 June 2022 unless on that date it was continued or renewed.

[2] On 3 June 2022 the parties filed a joint memorandum seeking by consent a continuation of the freezing order and further orders. An urgent hearing was convened with counsel that day.

[3] I am satisfied that counsel's proposal for the extension of the freezing order by consent is appropriate. After discussion with counsel I order as follows:

- (a) The freezing order granted on 30 May 2022 is continued until **4 August 2022** on which day it will lapse unless it is further continued.
- (b) Either party may apply on notice to revoke, alter or amend the freezing order prior to 4 August 2022.
- (c) Pending further order of the Court, the defendant is excused from filing a statement of defence.
- (d) The parties are directed to attend urgent mediation.

[4] The freezing order application will be called at Christchurch at **10 am on 4 August 2022**. The hearing will be conducted by virtual meeting room or if that is not available for any reason by telephone.

[5] Costs are reserved.

K G Smith
Judge

Judgment signed at 12.30 pm on 7 June 2022

¹ *Kingipotiki v Taplin* [2022] NZEmpC 95.