

**IN THE ISLAND COURT (LAND) OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU –  
Isangel, Tanna  
(Custom Land Jurisdiction)**

Case No. 24/1682 IC/CUST

**IN THE MATTER OF: Section 45 of Custom Land  
Management Act No. 33 of 2013**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF: Nakane Land**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF: A decision of Tan Iuanu Joint Tribe  
Council, dated 6 April 2024**

**BETWEEN: Iopath Niko  
Tanna**

**Applicant**

**AND: Tan Iuanu Joint Tribe Council  
Tanna**

**First Respondent**

**AND: Iouioukating  
Tanna**

**Second Respondent**

*Coram:*

*Senior Magistrate B. Kanas Joshua, Chairlady*

*Justice Tipalo Ianavir*

*Justice William Loumai*

*Justice Jocelyn Namaka Usua*

*Justice Benjamin Kuao*

*Justice Sam Naiu (Observer)*

*Ms Collyne Tete Maki (Registrar)*

*Counsels:*

*Mr D. Yawha, for the Applicant*

*Mr L. Huri, for 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent*

*No appearance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent*



**MINUTE & ORDER**

1. Mr Daniel Yawha appeared for the Applicant. Mr Lennon Huri appeared for the first respondent, however, there was no appearance for the second respondent.
2. Mr Yawha informed the Court that the Tanna Island Court clerk has had the documents for some time but only just served the respondents last week. He also confirmed that the second respondent does not have a legal representative.
3. Mr Huri informed the Court that he has not been served with any documents.
4. The contents in the court file are as follows:

Applicant	- Sworn Statement of Natuman Tuai in support of the Application for Review of the Judgment
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5. The court file does not contain an Application for Review.


**Direction Order**

THE COURT hereby makes the following direction orders:

- a) That the Applicant must furnish the Court with an Application for Review, otherwise this matter will be considered null and void.
- b) That the Applicant must serve the First Respondent with the Application for Review and any supporting documents.
- c) That both respondents are given 14 days to file a response and have it served on all parties.
- d) That the matter is adjourned to **the next session** of Island Court (Land) on Tanna, for hearing of the Application for Review.


**Dated in Isangel, Tanna, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024**

**BY THE COURT**


  
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**B. Kanas Joshua (SM)**  
**CHAIRLADY**

  
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**Justice Tipalo Ianavir**

  
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**Justice William Loumai**

  
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**Justice Jocelyn Namaka Usua**



  
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**Justice Benjamin Kuao**