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An Act to amend the Forests Act 1949

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BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Forests Amendment Act 1965, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Forests Act 1949 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Exchanges of land—Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from subsection (1) the word “Governor-General”, and substituting the word “Minister”;
- (b) By omitting from subsection (1) the words “grant in fee simple”, and substituting the words “authorise the grant in fee simple of”;
- (c) By omitting from subsection (2) the words “by the Governor-General”.

3. Seizure of firearms—Section 41A of the principal Act, as inserted by section 4 of the Forests Amendment Act 1964, is hereby amended by omitting from subsection (1) the words “Forest Officer, or honorary ranger”, and substituting the words “or Forest Officer”.

4. Offences with respect to State forest land—Section 57 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (f) the words “other than a State forest park or recreation area set apart under Part IIA of this Act”.

5. New Part inserted—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting after Part II the following Part:

“PART IIA

“STATE FOREST PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

“63A. **Setting apart of State forest parks**—(1) For the purpose of facilitating public recreation and the enjoyment by the public of any area or areas of State forest land in conjunction with the other purposes for which it is managed, the Governor-General may from time to time, by Proclamation,—

“(a) Set apart any area or areas of permanent State forest land as a State forest park or part of a State forest park:

“(b) Set apart any area or areas of provisional State forest land as permanent State forest land and as a State forest park or part of a State forest park.

“(2) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, declare that any area or areas of State forest park shall cease to be a State forest park or part of a State forest park; but no such area or areas shall cease to be permanent State forest land by reason only of such a declaration, and nothing in this subsection shall affect subsection (1) of section 19 of this Act.

“63B. **Administration of State forest parks**—(1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations not inconsistent with this Act for all or any of the following purposes:

“(a) Constituting, or providing for the constitution, appointment, or election of a committee to advise the Minister on recreational aspects of the administration of any State forest park or State forest parks, and defining the functions of any such committee:

“(b) Regulating the conduct of any State forest park, and the rights of the public to enter and use any State forest park, and prescribing the circumstances in which the public may be excluded from any State forest park.

“(2) Regulations made under this section may be so made as to apply to—

“(a) All State forest parks, or any specified State forest park or State forest parks, or all State forest parks except any specified State forest park or State forest parks:

“(b) All committees constituted under this section, or any specified committee or committees so constituted, or all committees so constituted except any specified committee or committees.

“(3) Where a committee is constituted under this section in respect of any State forest park, it may advise the Minister on recreational aspects of the working plan for the State forest park and of the administration of the State forest park.

“63c. **Working plans for State forest parks**—(1) Where there is no current working plan for any area or areas set apart as a State forest park or part of a State forest park, the Director-General shall, within one year of the date of the setting apart, cause a working plan for the area or areas to be prepared in accordance with section 26 of this Act.

“(2) As soon as practicable after the Director-General has prepared a working plan for any State forest park or any part thereof, he shall—

“(a) Cause a copy thereof to be sent to any committee which has been constituted in respect of the State forest park; and

“(b) Where there is no such committee, cause a copy thereof to be deposited in some convenient place for public inspection; and

“(c) Where there is no such committee, cause a notice to be published in the *Gazette* and in some newspaper circulating in the district stating where and at what times the copy of the working plan is open for inspection, and calling on any person or organisation to set forth in writing any objections to the working plan and the grounds for the objections, and to send the written objections to the Minister within three months after the date of the first publication of the notice.

“(3) Before the Minister approves any such working plan in accordance with subsection (4) of section 26 of this Act, he shall give full consideration to all objections in respect thereof that are duly made under this section.

“63D. **Recreation areas**—(1) The Minister may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*,—

“(a) Set apart any area or areas of State forest land as a recreation area available for public recreation:

“(b) Cancel any such setting apart:

“(c) Consistently with this Act and any regulations made thereunder, regulate the conduct of any recreation area and the rights of the public to enter and use any recreation area, and prescribe the circumstances in which the public may be excluded from any recreation area.

“(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Act or in any regulations made under this Act or in any such notice, all the provisions of this Act and of any regulations made thereunder relating to State forest land shall apply to every area set apart under this section as a recreation area or part of a recreation area as if it were not so set apart.

“63E. **Offences**—Every person commits an offence against this Act and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds who—

“(a) Enters any such State forest park or recreation area in contravention of any regulations or notice made or given under this Part of this Act; or

“(b) Otherwise acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any such regulations or notice.”

6. Fees and travelling allowances—Section 72 of the principal Act (as amended by subsection (1) of section 10 of the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951) is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection (4) the words “appointed pursuant to paragraph (q) of subsection one of this section”, and substituting the words “constituted under paragraph (q) of subsection (1) of this section or under section 63B of this Act (as inserted by section 5 of the Forests Amendment Act 1965)”.