

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.
House of Representatives,
23rd October, 1894.

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

HOROWHENUA BLOCK.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to protect the Rights of Equitable Claimants in respect of certain Portions of the Horowhenua Native Lands. Title.

5 WHEREAS sundry disputes have arisen from time to time as to the rights of ownership, and otherwise, connected with certain Native lands known as the Horowhenua Block, comprising about fifty thousand acres: And whereas Warena te Hakeke and Te Keepa te Rangihwinui have at divers times sold and otherwise disposed of portions of the said block: And whereas petitions have been
10 presented to Parliament, praying that investigation should be made into the various matters connected with the ownership of the said lands, and the sale and disposal thereof: And whereas it is expedient that, pending such investigation, and the settlement of such disputes, provision should be made to protect the rights of all parties
15 concerned:

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Horowhenua Block Act, 1894." Short Title.

2. For the purpose of protecting the rights of all claimants in respect of the Horowhenua Block as against the said Warena te Hakeke and Te Keepa te Rangihwinui, it is hereby declared that, notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary, all dealings, whether by way of sale, lease, charge, or otherwise howsoever, with the several parcels of land in the Land District of Wellington, known respectively as Horowhenua No. 6, Horowhenua No. 11A, and Horowhenua No. 11B, shall, and until otherwise directed by the Governor in Council, be absolutely void for all purposes: Prohibition of dealings with Horowhenua lands.

30 Provided that grants of rights to cut timber shall not be voided or affected by this section. All royalties payable under any such grant shall be paid to the Public Trustee, who shall retain the same until the final adjustment of the aforesaid disputes:

35 Provided further that this Act shall not apply to the fifteen hundred acres sold to the Crown by Warena te Hakeke.

Estate of Warena
te Hakeke to be
liable for adjust-
ment of interests.

3. The estate and interest of the said Warena te Hakeke in the Horowhenua Block, and in any of the subdivisions thereof, and also in any other lands wheresoever situated, shall stand charged with whatever moneys may on the final adjustment of the aforesaid disputes and the taking of all necessary accounts be found owing by the said Warena te Hakeke to any of such claimants or to the said Te Keepa te Rangihwinui. 5

Estate of Te Keepa
te Rangihwinui to
be liable for adjust-
ment of interests.

4. The estate and interest of the said Te Keepa te Rangihwinui in the Horowhenua Block, and in any of the subdivisions thereof, and also in any other lands wheresoever situated, shall stand charged with whatever moneys may, on the final adjustment of the aforesaid disputes and the taking of all necessary accounts, be found owing by the said Te Keepa te Rangihwinui to any of such claimants or to the said Warena te Hakeke. 10

Native Land Court
to give effect to
charge.

5. The Native Land Court and all proper officials shall, when requested by the said Minister so to do, make all orders and entries, and do all acts that may be deemed expedient for the purpose of recording such charge as aforesaid, and otherwise giving effect to the provisions of this Act. 15

Act not to apply to
Queen.

6. This Act shall not apply to Her Majesty, or to any portion of the aforesaid lands that have been or may hereafter be acquired by Her Majesty. 20