



Waste Lands Act 1856

- Citation:** 19 & 20 V. No 22
Date of Assent: 16 August, 1856
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Disallowed 19 March, 1858
Amendments: –
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Waste Lands
- Relevant Sections:** s5: Proviso: No lands acquired from aboriginal inhabitants open for sale or disposal until Governor notifies by Proclamation that Native title has been extinguished.
- Commentary:** The proviso restates Crown pre-emption. The Act was to transfer control over waste lands to the Provincial Councils, but it was disallowed by the Imperial Government because it was a condition of an Imperial loan that central government should retain control over disposal of waste lands. Before notice of the Act being disallowed was received in 1858, the Auckland Provincial Council had introduced regulations under this Act to give “Free Grants” to immigrants. This Provincial Act was therefore declared void as well.
- Cross Reference:** BPP NZ10: 1859 Sess.2 [2536] 5 - 8, 12 - 13
 Gazette, 4th June 1858.