



## Gold Fields Act 1858

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**Citation:** 21 & 22 V. No 74

**Date of Assent:** 19 August, 1858

**Commencement:** *s44:* Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.  
Assented to, Gazette, 25 July, 1859.

**Repeal:** Repealed 1862, No 21

**Amendments:** **1860, No 11:** This Act enabled the Governor to grant leases of lands within a goldfield and was to be read with the Gold Fields Act 1858 so as to form one Act.

**Type of Legislation:** Public

**Subject:** Govt Admin with Direct Impact on Maori  
Mining

**Relevant Sections:** *s2:* Governor may proclaim any portion of the colony to be a gold field.

**Commentary:** Under this Act any area in the Colony, no doubt including Maori land (though there is no reference to it), could be declared a gold field and thus subject to the provisions of this Act, giving mining rights over land without requiring the prior consent of owners.

**Cross Reference:** –