



Public Works Lands Act 1864

1864

- Citation:** 28 V. No 5
Date of Assent: 13 December, 1864
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1878, No 28
Amendments: –
- Type of Legislation:** Public
Subject: Alienation of Maori Land
Public Works
- Relevant Sections:** s2: “lands” includes Native land.
s4: After publication of Order in Council, Governor may take lands.
s5: Compensation to be made for compulsory taking of Native land in the manner set out in the New Zealand Settlements Act 1863.
- Commentary:** This Act was to give the Govt authority to build a road between Wanganui and New Plymouth to make settlement in South Taranaki easier. Maori land that was taken was only compensated for if it had derived from a Crown title. This was the first time that authority to take lands for public works was extended over Maori land and represents a change in policy on that issue in line with previous confiscations.
- Cross Reference:** AJHR (1865) A - 2 p.1
(*Memorandum by Ministers*)
Orange C *The Treaty of Waitangi*
(Allen & Unwin, Wellington, 1987) 171 - 172.