



Waste Lands Administration Act 1876

1876

- Citation:** 40 V. No 51
- Date of Assent:** 31 October, 1876
- Commencement:** To come into operation on the same day as the Abolition of Provinces Act 1875, 1 November, 1876.
- Repeal:** Repealed 1885, No 56
- Amendments:** 1878, No 28: repeals *s17*.
1879, No 21: revives *s17*.
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Waste Lands
Survey Issues
Leased Land
Status of Land
Confiscated Lands
- Relevant Sections:** *s9*: The expression “Crown Lands” in the Crown Lands Act 1862 deemed to have always included ... all Native Lands held on lease by the Crown during the subsistence of such lease.
ss14 - 16: Confiscated Lands. May be proclaimed to be Waste Lands of the Crown, reserves of confiscated lands may be granted to local governing body in trust.
s17: Native Lands purchased in North Island to be Waste Lands when Governor satisfied that free from Native Claims and difficulties.
This section was repealed by the Repeals Act 1878 but was revived again by the Land Act 1877 Amendment Act 1879.
s18: Incomplete purchases of Native Lands in Thames protected where money has been paid on behalf of the Crown.
s19: Native Lands held on lease by Crown.
s20: Surveys of Native Land may be brought under the control of the Surveyor-General “in order to secure a general uniformity”.
- Commentary:** With the abolition of the Provinces it was necessary to consolidate the various provincial waste lands laws into one national Act. This Act gives Waste Lands Boards power over Maori land that is leased to the Crown, confiscated lands, and when Maori land has been purchased it becomes Waste Lands.
- Cross Reference:** –