



## West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act 1880

1880

**Citation:** 44 V. No 39  
**Date of Assent:** 1 September, 1880  
**Commencement:** Date of Assent

**Repeal:** Repealed 1955, No 38  
**Amendments:** 1885, No 56: Repeals s5.

1902, No 6: Repeals ss6 - 9 and 2nd Schedule.

1881, No 19: See separate record. Supplements the 1880 Act – provides for the administration of Native reserves within the confiscated territory.

**Type of Legislation:** Public

**Subject:** Govt Admin Specific to Maori/Maori Land  
Reserved Land  
Confiscated Lands  
Status of Land

**Relevant Sections:** *Preamble:* refers to the Commission appointed under the Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners Trials Act 1879.

*s3:* Governor empowered to make a final settlement of claims in respect of the West Coast confiscated lands.

*s4:* Governor may make inalienable reserves for Natives within the confiscated territory.

*s5:* Lands in West Coast Land District not set apart as reserves to be Crown lands; powers of Land Board for that district to be vested in Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*s6:* Certain offences punishable by up to 2 years imprisonment.

*First Schedule:* Description of confiscated territory.

*Second Schedule:* Description of West Coast Land District.

**Commentary:** This Act carries out most of the recommendations of the Royal Commission appointed under the Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners Trials Act 1879 on returning of reserves to Maori and settling Pakeha on the land. All the Maori members made strong speeches against the way that the situation was being handled, and Te Wheoro pointed out that the Maori reserves were inland and the settlers were getting the best coastal land. Despite claiming to be settling the disputes of the West Coast, section 6 provides for powers of arrest and detention for numerous new offences which include the peaceful protest activities of the Parihaka Maori such as removal of fences and survey pegs,

*Commentary and Cross Reference continued over page*



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ploughing any land, erecting fences, breaking up or obstructing roads, etc. The West Coast Royal Commission (William Fox) set up under the 1879 Act to report on the establishment of reserves and various claims reported annually to 1884.

See: Maori Prisoners Trials Act 1879

Confiscated Lands Inquiry and Maori Prisoners Trials Act 1879

Maori Prisoners Act 1880

Maori Prisoners Detention Act 1880

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