

## **Waikato Confiscated Lands Act 1880**

Citation:

44 V. No 40

Date of Assent:

1 September, 1880

Commencement:

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Repeal:

Repealed 1891, No 8

Amendments:

1882, No 6: Period for making reserves extended for 2 years.

1884, No 16: Power of the Governor for making reserves revived

for two years. Proviso for further extensions.

Type of Legislation:

Public

Subject:

Govt Admin Specific to Maori/Maori Land

Confiscated Lands

**Relevant Sections:** 

s3: Governor may reserve land.

*s4*: Out of land reserved, Governor may grant portions to Natives who have been in rebellion but who have subsequently "submitted to

the Queen's authority".

*s6*: Any grants made under this Act shall be inalienable.

Schedule: contains description of lands.

Commentary:

This Act gave power to return confiscated land in the Waikato to Maori who had been "in rebellion" with the aim of inducing them to return to the Waikato and thus to help to undermine the authority of King Tawhiao (who was refusing to leave the Rohepotae/"King Country". The Native Officer for the district reported that the land was of poor quality and according to Ward few Maori took up this offer of land.

**Cross Reference:** 

NZPD vol 37 (1880) 607 - 609

NZPD vol 41 (1882) 373, 423 - 425

AJHR (1882) I - 2 p.9

(Native Affairs Committee)

AJHR (1883) A - 8 p.4

(*Native Affairs and the Amnesty*),

G-1 pp.2 - 3 (Reports from Officers in Native Districts)

AJHR (1884) Sess II G - 1 p.7

(Reports from Officers in Native Districts)

AJHR (1886) G - 1 pp.8 - 9

(Report of Officers in Native Districts)

Ward A A Show of Justice

(AUP, Canberra, 1974) 285.