



## Public Works Act 1880

- Citation:** 44 V. No 54
- Date of Assent:** 1 September, 1880
- Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1904, No 42
- Amendments:** –
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Public Works  
Reserved Land
- Relevant Sections:** *s12:* Procedure for compensation where land taken out of Native reserves for public works.  
*s20:* Power of Crown under *s106*, Native Lands Act 1873 to take land for roads through Native lands held under Crown grant extended to land owned by Natives under Certificate of Title or Memorial of Ownership.
- Commentary:** The Government is now given power to compulsorily take land out of Maori reserves and Maori-owned land held under a Certificate of Title or Memorial of Ownership (up to 5% of such land could be taken without payment of any compensation). Te Wheoro likened the powers over Maori land to the confiscation procedures and Tawhai said that his tribe would not agree to such a measure. They both expressed concern that the Act could be used to extend into the King Country.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 37 (1880) 712.