



## West Coast Settlement Reserves Act 1881

1881

- Citation:** 45 V. No 19  
**Date of Assent:** 24 September, 1881  
**Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1892, No 22
- Amendments:** **1883, No 24:** See separate record.  
s5 extends s13. Commissioners may investigate lands for which Crown grants have been issued before the date of investigation.  
s8 amends s11(1)  
s9 amends s8.  
**1884, No 33:** See separate record.  
Repeals 1883 Amendment.  
s3 repeals part s8.  
**1885, No 11:** Allows Public Trustee to advance money for survey charges. Such money to become first charge on rents.  
**1887, No 30:** See separate record.
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Reserved Land  
Public/Native/Maori Trustee  
Leased Land  
Confiscated Lands  
Compulsory Acquis & Transfer of Control
- Relevant Sections:** s2: Definition of Native and reserves.  
s7: Alienable reserves may only be alienated with the concurrence of the Public Trustee.  
s8: Reserves Trustee appointed to exercise... full powers of management over the reserves including the power to dispose of them (subject to any limitations attached to the reserves) "with a view to the benefit of the Natives to whom such reserves belong and the promotion of settlement".  
s9: Trustee to be the receiver of rents.  
s11: Trustee may subdivide and lease reserves under his control.  
s14: Where any reserve held subject to restrictions/limitations the Trustee, or half of grantees if named or 5 persons if not named, may apply to the Governor to have the restriction removed. Section does not apply to inalienable reserves.  
s17: Portion of rents must be applied for Native schools in the vicinity of such reserves.

*Relevant Sections, Commentary and Cross Reference continued over page*



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*s18:* Certain existing leases to Natives may be confirmed.

*s19:* Commissioner may prohibit the sale of liquor during his meetings.

*First Schedule:* Description of the confiscated territory.

**Commentary:** This Act deals with the management of the alienable reserves created under the West Coast Settlement Act 1880. The Public Trustee is given extensive control over the reserves and Tairaroa, Te Wheoro, and Tomoana complained that the Trustee had too much power and that Maori should have a voice in how their lands are controlled.

**Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 40 (1881) 587 - 588, 695, 728 - 736

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