



## South Island Native Reserves Act 1883

- Citation:** 47 V. No 23
- Date of Assent:** 8 September, 1883
- Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1907, No 40
- Amendments:** –
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Reserved Land  
Leased Land  
Public/Native/Maori Trustee
- Relevant Sections:**
- Preamble:* refers to Greymouth Native Reserve set aside for the benefit of the Ngaitahu [Ngai Tahu] tribe and the system of leasing which has commenced upon the land.
- s3:* Governor may grant to the Maori listed in the First Schedule, the Native reserve described in the Second Schedule. The land to be granted according to the proportions indicated. The grantees are prohibited from alienating their land by sale, mortgage or lease.
- s4:* Reserves to be under the control or management of the Public Trustee, including power to lease.
- s5:* Public Trustee shall offer the reserves for lease by auction or tender subject to certain specified terms and conditions, eg the leases shall be for 21 years at a rent without fine, premium or foregift.
- Preamble (Between ss8 and 9):* refers to "South Island Native reserves" over which a similar leasing system had occurred and the need for similar protection to be given over these interests.
- s9:* Provisions of the Native Reserves Act 1882 to apply to the South Island Reserves subject to the following provisions (*ss10 - 14*).
- s10:* Requirements on the grant of future leases.
- s13:* South Island Reserves situated in mining districts shall be deemed to be private lands. See *s31 Mines Act 1877*.
- First Schedule:* List of Maori grantees.
- Second Schedule:* Description of Greymouth Native reserve.
- Commentary:** In 1884 Tairaroa tried to pass a bill for the repeal of this Act as it had been found that "great wrongs" had been done through the terms of leases.

*Cross Reference continued next page*



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