



## Taiaroa Land Act (Private) 1883

- Citation:** 47 V. No 3 ( Private)
- Date of Assent:** 8 September, 1883
- Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1909, No 15
- Amendments:** –
- Type of Legislation:** Private
- Subject:** Alienation of Maori Land
- Relevant Sections:** Entire Act.
- Commentary:** Long title “ *to empower Hori Kerei Taiaroa, an aboriginal Native of the colony of New Zealand, to alienate any lands in the said colony belonging to him alone, unrestricted by the terms of any Act or Acts in force in New Zealand relating to Natives or Native Lands.*” Hori Taiaroa was a Member of the House of Representatives for Southern Maori between 1871 and 1885 and sat on the Legislative Council 1879 - 1880 and 1885 - 1905. He said that the object of this Act was “that the privileges enjoyed by Europeans should be extended to himself”. The members of the House were full of praise for Taiaroa, and felt sure that he was one Maori who did have the ability to manage his lands for himself. Although some members expressed the hope that this privilege would be extended to other Maori, it would appear that it required a long association with Pakeha and their institutions before it would be allowed that a Maori was capable of managing his or her own affairs.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 45 (1883) 219 - 221, 481 - 482  
NZPD vol 46 (1883) 169 - 173, 196 - 200, 327 - 329.