



West Coast Settlement Reserves Act 1881 Amendment Act 1884

1884

- Citation:** 48 V. No 33
Date of Assent: 8 November, 1884
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1892, No 22
Amendments: –
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Reserved Land
Public/Native/Maori Trustee
Leased Land
Confiscated Lands
- Relevant Sections:**
- s4:* Governor may declare lands already granted to be reserves.
 - s5:* Public Trustee shall have full powers of management and disposition of all reserves placed under his jurisdiction.
 - s6:* Public Trustee may grant leases.
 - s7:* Settlement Reserves Trustee to consult Natives best acquainted with the circumstances of any reserve in his dealings and to act in accordance with their wishes if possible.
 - s8:* Agricultural leases may be granted for 30 years.
 - s10:* Leases made by leading chiefs of tribe or hapu may be confirmed by the Governor if Governor satisfied by Commissioner's report that chiefs were entitled to represent the tribe and that a correct plan of the land has been made. Rent to be paid to Public Trustee and distributed amongst grantees.
 - s12:* Awards of land within the confiscated territory, made by the Compensation Court, to Natives whose tribal lands have since been granted and reserved to the tribe, shall be held to have been absorbed by the subsequent grant. Proviso as to equitable leases granted to Natives.
 - s15:* Interests of the Native grantees to be ascertained and rent distributed accordingly.
 - s16:* Native grantees may appoint persons to receive their rents.
 - s17:* Public Trustee to retain rents for which there are no claimants.
- Commentary:** An Act "to define more clearly the powers of the Public Trustee" under the West Coast Settlement Reserves Act 1881. The original Act had stated that all grantees had to sign a consent for a lease to be issued and defining his or her share. There had been difficulty in obtaining these signatures, so this Act gives the Public Trustee power to authorise the

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lease without signed consents. The maximum period for leases is increased from 21 to 30 years.

- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 49 (1884) 218 - 219
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 AJHR (1884) Sess II I - 2 pp.10 - 11
 (*Native Affairs Committee*)
 AJHR (1890) I - 12
 (*Joint Committee Upon the West Coast Settlement Reserves*)
 AJHR (1891) Sess II G - 1 p.XIV (*Rees Commission*),
 G - 6 (*Te Moauroa v Public Trustee*),
 I - 7 (*Joint West Coast Settlement Reserves Committee*)
 Riseborough H *Days of Darkness: Taranaki 1878 - 1884*
 (Allen & Unwin, Wellington, 1989).