



New Zealand State Forests Act 1885

1885

- Citation:** 49 V. No 30
- Date of Assent:** 14 September, 1885
- Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed and re-enacted 1908, No 184
- Amendments:** **1888: No 16:** General amendment. Allows Governor to withdraw open lands from the purposes of the State Forests Act.
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Forestry
- Relevant Sections:**
- s3:* Governor may set apart any forest lands forming part of the Crown Lands as State Forests.
 - s5:* All State forests and all forest reserves already proclaimed shall be under the control of the Commissioner created under this Act.
 - s9:* Commissioner may grant licenses to cut timber in any State forest.
 - s10:* Commissioner may grant to licensee all way-leaves which may be necessary for carrying away timber.
 - s11:* Commissioner may grant to any such licensee the right of floating timber.
 - s15:* Governor may make regulations for a variety of purposes including...
 - (7) for prohibiting trespassing in State forests and for regulating access thereto,
 - (9) for regulating the construction and use of railroads and other roads in State forests.
 - Schedule:* To be in force until regulations under *s15* are proclaimed.
- Commentary:** The preamble states the purposes of the Act as being *“to make provision for setting apart areas of Forest land in New Zealand as State Forests and to subject the same to skilled management and proper control, in order thereby to prevent undue waste of timber, and to provide timber for future industrial purposes, and to provide for the proper conservation of climatic conditions by the preservation of forest growth in elevated conditions”*
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 51 (1885) 200 - 211
AJHR (1886) C - 3 - C - 3d
(Reports by T. Kirk).