



Native Reserves' Titles Grant Empowering Act 1886

- Citation:** 50 V. No 15
Date of Assent: 30 July, 1886
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1909, No 15
Amendments: –
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Reserved Land
 Validation
- Relevant Sections:** *Preamble:* refers to lands reserved and set apart for Maori and half castes in Wellington district by Colonel McCleverty, in the Wairarapa district, Manawatu and Rangitikei districts, the West Coast of the Middle Island (Arahura deed) [South Island], the Mandeville district in Canterbury [Kaiapoi native reserve] and Stewart Island.
s2: In order to carry out contracts and promises made at the time land was ceded to the Crown, the Governor is empowered to execute warrants for the issue of Certificates of Title to persons beneficially entitled, to take effect from the date fixed for vesting and all subsequent dealings validated.
- Commentary:** Authorises the Governor to carry out promises made to Maori in various districts, as far back as 1847, to set aside reserves for them. The Governor is empowered to issue Certificates of Title to the ascertained Maori owners either in severalty or as tenants in common. The Debates indicate that the Native Reserves Act 1882 had “accidentally” repealed Acts which gave the power to issue these grants. The Act was supported by Tairaroa.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 54 (1886) 140 - 141, 316 - 317.