

Public Works Act 1894

Citation: Date of Assent: Commencement:

58 V. No 42 24 August, 1894 Date of Assent

Repeal: Amendments: Type of Legislation: Subject:

Repealed 1905, No 53 – Public Public Works Public/Native/Maori Trustee Compulsory Acquis & Transfer of Control

Relevant Sections:

s2: Definition of Native land – land held by Natives whether ownership determined by the NLCt or not.s39: Public Trustee may claim compensation for native reserve

land taken.

ss87 - 95: Native Lands.

s87: Notwithstanding anything in force to the contrary, any Native land may be taken for Public Works in the following manner.
s88: Taking of land for work other than railway or defence work.
Special procedure if title to land not derived from Crown.
Procedure... i) map prepared, ii) Notice in Gazette for one month

declaring lands taken, iii) land then vests in Crown.

s89: Taking of Native land for railway or defence purposes to use the manner prescribed in Parts VII and IX of the Act.

s90: Compensation for Native owners to be determined by NLCt rather than using Part III procedures.

ss91 - 95: Roads over Native land. Limit to quantity of land which may be taken (not more than 1/20th of block and not including occupied pa, cultivations, etc. without consent of Governor).
No compensation payable for any land taken for roads or railways.
ss96 - 98: Surveys. Includes penalty for destroying survey marks.
s98: Native cultivations protected from survey.

Commentary:

Largely a consolidation Act, the new clauses pointed out in the Debates by the Government did not affect Maori land.

Cross Reference: