



## Native Land Laws Amendment Act 1899

- Citation:** 63 V. No 30
- Date of Assent:** 24 October, 1899
- Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 13 September, 1902 by 1902, No 6  
(however, see s5 of this Act for its actual duration)
- Amendments:** –
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Alienation of Maori Land  
Survey Issues  
Maori Land Court: Structures & Jurisdiction
- Relevant Sections:**
- s2:** Governor in Council, when permitting land to be mortgaged by a Native owner, may remove the land from the operation of ss5 & 6 Native Land Laws Amendment Act 1895 so that the owner may mortgage the land and confer the same power of sale as if the land were lawfully owned by a European.
- s3:** Land owned or held by Natives shall not be sold to the Crown after the commencement of this Act. Proviso – agreements commenced before this Act may be completed only in so far as is necessary for the adjustment of boundaries and partition of the respective interests of the Crown and Native owners.
- s4:** Sale of land in satisfaction of survey liens must be approved by the Governor in Council. In cases where the Surveyor-General certifies that the charges are reasonable but an Order in Council is refused, the lien shall be taken over by the Crown.
- s5:** Act to remain in force until 10 days after the last day of the next session of Parliament.
- Commentary:** Section 2 was originally drafted to apply only to mortgages of land held by a Maori married to a European where the European (husband is implied) would be capable of administering the land. The Government widened the provision in recognition that there were Maori capable of administering their own land as well. Section 3 was added to the Act at the end of the session as the Government was still discussing what was to become the Maori Land Administration Bill and wanted to stop all land alienation until the new system of administration and alienation could be finalised.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 110 (1899) 571 - 574, 791, 814 - 817, 823 - 824, 854 - 855, 907.