



Thermal Springs Districts Act 1910

- Citation:** 1 Geo. V, No 69
Date of Assent: 3 December, 1910
Commencement: 1 February, 1911
- Repeal:** Repealed 1954, No 60
Amendments: –
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Other Resource Issues
 Validation
 Maori Land Boards
 Compulsory Acquis & Transfer of Control
- Relevant Sections:**
- s1:* This Act to be read as part of the Native Land Act 1909.
 - s3:* Before the alienation of any Native land which is in a Thermal Springs District, the Maori Land Board shall inquire whether there are any thermal pools, geysers etc. situated on the land. If so there shall be no alienation without the consent of the Governor in Council.
 - s4:* Certain Native lands to become subject to Part XV of the Native Land Act 1909 (relating to land vested in the Maori Land Board for the purpose of leasing).
 - s5:* Certain Native lands to become subject to Part XVI of the Native Land Act 1909.
 - s8:* Validation of leases.
 - s9:* Mokoia Island, currently customary land, to be deemed a Native reservation under s232 Native Land Act 1909.
 - s10:* The town of Rotorua and adjacent lands, being Native land of which most of the undivided interests have already been acquired by way of purchase by the Crown, declared to be Crown lands.
 - s11:* Compensation to be paid to owners of undivided interests not already acquired by the Crown.
- Commentary:** This Act repeals the special enactments relating to Thermal Springs districts and Ngata estimates that the area affected will be approximately 300,000 acres (as some Proclamations had already been repealed). Rather than repealing the rest of the Proclamations it was found necessary to use legislation so that the Crown could retain control of thermal resources as is provided in s3. Sections 10 and 11 relate to land which had been leased by the Crown on a 99 year lease but the Crown had not been able to complete the purchase of all

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individual shares, so the land is compulsorily vested in the Crown and compensation to be paid to the owners who had not sold.

The 1948 Royal Commission concerning the Pukeroa-Oruawhata (Rotorua Township) Block recommended that a lump sum of £16,500 should be paid to the former owners as compensation for the mismanagement of leases and the inadequacy of the purchase price.

Cross Reference: NZPD vol 153 (1910) 1057 - 1064, 1263 - 1264

AJHR (1948) G - 7

*(Royal Commission concerning the Pukeroa-Oruawhata
(Rotorua Township) Block).*