



West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act 1915

- Citation:** 6 Geo. V, No 62
Date of Assent: 11 October, 1915
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1955, No 38
Amendments: 1916, No 12: s5 amends s4.
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Reserved Land
 Leased Land
 Wahi Tapu & Non Tangible Resources
 Fisheries
 Consolidation/Exchange Schemes
 Public/Native/Maori Trustee
 Alienation of Maori Land
 Public Works
- Relevant Sections:**
- s2: NLCt may inquire into any error or omission made in the making of any succession order and may amend, cancel or make a new order.
- s3: Notwithstanding any restriction on alienation contained in the West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act 1913, the Native beneficial owners may alienate by way of gift to any other Native. Proviso that the NLCt is satisfied that the intended gift is bona fide.
- s4: NLCt may declare any "small area" of less than 30 acres which was formerly used as a tribal burial-place or a fish landing-place, to be a tribal area vested in the Maori owners according to Native custom.
- s5: Ngatirangitumamao Block, name changed to Ngaruahine Block.
- s6: Empowers the NLCt to consolidate the interests in the lands known as the Ngaruahine Block, the Ngatimoeahu Block, Te Upokomutu Block and Parihaka Kainga.
- s7: NLCt may vest any area used as a general kainga, urupa or tauranga waka in the Public Trustee or the Maori Land Board and may revest the same in the beneficial owner.
- s8: Where a lease granted by the Public Trustee is acquired by the beneficial owner of the fee simple of the land affected by the lease, the NLCt may direct a title to issue to the beneficial owner for an estate of freehold in fee simple.
- s9: NLCt may affect exchanges of blocks in the absence of affected parties, for the purpose of consolidating family interests.

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s10: Public Trustee to disperse to the beneficial owners, all capital funds in his hands arising from...

- payment by lessees for improvements on conversion of confirmed leases
- royalties on stone or minerals removed from the land
- compensation for lands taken under the Public Works Act.

s13: Lands described in the first schedule to the Pariroa Native Reserve Act 1901 declared to be unsettled lands.

Commentary: This Act makes technical amendments to facilitate the working of the West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act 1913. In the interests of Maori settlement on the land after the leases have expired further provisions are made for partitioning and it is confirmed that the partitions take effect once made so that if any portion of the land is not currently leased the owners can utilise the land. Mortgages made with the previous lease as security are to be extended for ten years rather than requiring a new mortgage. The Public Trustee is given the power to disburse capital funds. Ngata and Parata support the Native Land Court Judges being given the power to alter succession orders and the provision for alienation by way of gift which follows custom.

Cross Reference: NZPD vol 174 (1915) 605 - 609, 631 - 634.