



Forests Act 1921

1921

Citation: 12 Geo. V, No 43
Date of Assent: 11 February, 1922
Commencement: 1 April, 1922

Repeal: Repealed 1949, No 19
Amendments: 1925, No 37: See s4 – authorising acquisition by way of exchange of land required for state forests.
1948, No 56: see s2 – sanctuaries may be preserved within state forests for preservation of indigenous flora and fauna.

Type of Legislation: Public

Subject: Forestry
Compulsory Acquis & Transfer of Control
Public/Native/Maori Trustee

Relevant Sections: s1: This Act may be cited as the Forests Act 1921 - 22.
s35(2): Limitation on power of Native Land Court and Maori Land Board to grant timber cutting rights without consent of Commissioner.
s59: *Maori Forests:*
(1) Assembled owners of any Native Land may transfer control by resolution to Commissioner of State Forests for administration as a Maori Forest.
(4) At this point land is vested in the Minister.
(7) East Coast Commissioner may transfer land under his control.
(8) Native Trust Office may transfer Native reserves under control of the Native Trustee.
(9) All such land transferred deemed to be Native land.
(10) All Native Land vested in the Minister shall not be alienated by the Board or the owners so long as it remains in control of State Forest Service.
s63: Governor may make regulations for...
(n) apportionment of payment to Maori owners
(o) defining rights of access to and use of Maori Forests by the Maori owners.

Commentary: The Act seems to encourage the transfer of control from the assembled Maori owners to Crown in the form of the State Forest services. The Report on Forest Conditions in NZ (AJHR 1920 C - 3A) suggests such a method of treatment for forest lands of the Natives.

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Ngata said that if Maori were prosecuted for trespassing or hunting in their forests which they had transferred then Maori would cease to transfer further forest land. He also suggests that there should be Maori representation on the advisory Board.

Cross Reference: NZPD vol 192 (1921) 508 - 510
NZPD vol 193 (1921 - 1922) 563
AJHR (1920) C - 3a p.17
(*Report of Forest Conditions*).