



West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act 1923

1923

Citation: 14 Geo. V, No 33
Date of Assent: 29 August, 1923
Commencement: Date of Assent

Repeal: Repealed
Amendments: –
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Reserved Land
Public/Native/Maori Trustee
Leased Land

Relevant Sections:

- s3:** In lieu of compensation which the lessee may be entitled to under *s17* of the principal Act, the Native Trustee may, with the consent of a majority in interest of the Native owners, grant to the lessee a new lease of the land.
- s4:** Native Trustee to ascertain whether majority of Native owners of any land comprised in an existing lease are willing that the same be again leased. Native Trustee's finding final and binding on owners.
- s6:** Rental payable under new lease.
- s7:** On expiration of the new lease the lessee entitled to compensation for the value of improvements.
- s9:** Further provision as to money advanced by Native Trustee for payment of compensation on behalf of Native owners.
- s10:** Effect of grant of new lease on coming into force of partition orders.
- s12:** Native Trustee to hold portion of rent to pay charges.
- s13:** Compensation payments out of Consolidated Fund to Native Trustee by way of advance only.

Commentary: This Act follows the West Coast Settlement Reserves Act 1913 which gave Maori the right to, in 1924, resume some of the leased lands upon payment of improvements. The sinking fund that had been established in 1913 to finance the payment of improvements had not realised the necessary amount as rents had not been as high as anticipated and the land tax had increased. This amendment encourages Maori who cannot afford the improvements payments to extend leases for a further five years. For those owners who insisted on resuming their land the Government will advance money to the Public Trustee who will advance monies to owners at current interest rates on the security of the land.

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