



## Taranaki Maori Claims Settlement Act 1944

- Citation:** 9 Geo. VI, No 32  
**Date of Assent:** 15 December, 1944  
**Commencement:** Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Repealed 1955, No 37  
**Amendments:** –  
**Type of Legislation:** Public  
**Subject:** Confiscated Lands  
 Reserved Land
- Relevant Sections:** s2: In settlement of all claims over confiscation of lands there shall be paid to the Taranaki Maori Trust Board the annual sum of £5,000.  
 s3: In settlement of all claims concerning goods destroyed at Parihaka in 1881, £300 to be paid to Taranaki Maori Trust Board.
- Commentary:** Effects a “final settlement” to Maori claims relating to the confiscation of Maori land in the Taranaki and Wellington Provincial Districts and the destruction of property at Parihaka in 1881. This Act follows the Commission of Inquiry into Confiscated Lands (Sim Commission) (1926 - 1928) which had recommended the payments as compensation for wrongful confiscation as it found that the Taranaki Maori had not been “rebels” in terms of instigating the conflicts. The leader of the Legislative Council pointed out that this payment represents an annual rent for the land of 6d per acre.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 267 (1944) 748 - 754, 761 - 763  
 AJHR (1928) G - 7  
 (*Sim Commission*).