



West Coast Settlement Reserves Amendment Act 1948

1948

Citation: 12 Geo. VI, No 75
Date of Assent: 3 December, 1948
Commencement: Date of Assent

Repeal: Repealed 1955, No 38
Amendments: 1949, No 46: s17 amends s25.
1951, No 75: See separate record.
s30 amends s14.

Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Public/Native/Maori Trustee
Reserved Land
Leased Land

Relevant Sections: s5: Every renewable lease subsisting 1 January, 1948 shall be deemed to have been cancelled on that date and lessee entitled to take a substituted lease.
s6: Special Govt valuation of lands in cancelled leases to be made.
s7: On valuation being made, copy to be served on Maori Trustee and lessee. Right of objection to valuation.
s8: Where no objection lodged, new lease to be offered to lessee.
s9: Procedure where lessee does not accept substituted lease.
s13: Renewals of lease. Valuation for renewal lease.
s14 - 20: Objections to valuations.
s21: Compensation to be paid to the beneficial owners of the reserve for loss of rent suffered by them prior to 1 January, 1948 relating to assessment of rentals.

Commentary: Gives effect to recommendations of a Royal Commission on the law relating to rentals of West Coast Settlement Reserves. The Commission found that the renewal valuations of 1934 were incorrect as the basis used meant that in many cases there was no increase. Those leases affected are to be cancelled and new ones issued at 5% of the unimproved value which brings them into line with the Land Valuation Act. The £30,000 compensation paid under s21 is a recognition by the Government that its failure to rectify the situation which was first brought to its attention in 1936 had resulted in serious loss to the beneficial owners.

Cross Reference: NZPD vol 284 (1948) 4275 - 4287
AJHR (1948) G - 1
(*Royal Commission on law relating to rentals of West Coast Settlement Reserves*).