



Maori Land Amendment Act 1952

- Citation:** No 9
- Date of Assent:** 29 August, 1952
- Commencement:** 30 September, 1952
- Repeal:** Repealed 1953, No 94
- Amendments:** –
- Type of Legislation:** Public
- Subject:** Maori Land Boards
Maori Land Court: Structures & Jurisdiction
Public/Native/Maori Trustee
- Relevant Sections:**
- s3:* Maori Land Boards dissolved and Maori land districts abolished.
 - s4:* All rights, powers and duties of Maori Land Boards transferred to Maori Trustee.
 - s7:* All real and personal property of the Boards shall be transferred to the Maori Trustee.
 - s10:* Securities taken by the Boards under the Maori Land Amendment Act 1936 to be taken over by the Board of Maori Affairs.
 - s11:* Certain leases granted by a Maori Land Board shall be read as if the Board of Maori Affairs were the lessor of the land leased.
- Commentary:** This Act abolishes the Maori Land Boards and spreads their functions between the Maori Land Court and the Maori Trustee. The Government's aim was to simplify the administration of Maori affairs and therefore make the use of land easier. Corbett, Minister of Maori Affairs, said that as the Judges will no longer have to be administrators "they will be able to concentrate to a greater degree on consolidation, and Maori partitioning which will, in general, go a long way towards rapidly clearing up this complex title problem which is probably the major factor facing the Maori today in preventing him from effectively farming his land". The change was supported by both Tirikatene and Paikea.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 297 (1952) 771 - 779.