



Maori Purposes Act 1967

1967

- Citation:** No 145
Date of Assent: 24 November, 1967
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Still in Force
Amendments: 1993, No 4.
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Forestry
Consolidation/Exchange Schemes
Maori Land Court: Structures & Jurisdiction
Public/Native/Maori Trustee
- Relevant Sections:**
- s4:** Amends s309 Maori Affairs Act 1953 by providing for a quorum at meetings of assembled owners to be fixed by the MLCT, or to be 10 owners or one quarter of the owners (whichever is the less) attending in person or by proxy and owning not less than one quarter of the beneficial interests in the land.
 - s5:** Amends s45 Maori Trustee Act 1953. Payments to Maori Trustee of proceeds of Maori land held for 6 years or more by solicitors, accountants, or real estate agents.
 - s9:** Amalgamation of titles to Whanganui Vested Lands [now to be described as the Atihau-Whanganui Block].
 - s10:** On the application of the Maori Trustee, the MLCT is authorised to dispose of Tongariro Timber Co railway land.
- Commentary:** As a result of changes made by the Maori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, the Maori Land Court has only to consider the price when confirming an alienation made by a meeting of assembled owners. It is now found necessary to alter the quorum of owners required to be present as the existing legislation only required three owners. During the Debates Tirikatene-Sullivan said that she thought the new requirement was still too low and that there should be at least a majority of owners represented. The Government countered this by arguing that with the increasingly urbanised Maori population those owners with very small interests would not be wanting to leave their work and travel to the land for the meeting. This reflects the Government attitude that Maori in the towns and cities were no longer interested in maintaining their ties to their land. In regard to unclaimed monies held by solicitors etc. Reweti said that the reason

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there was so much money to be claimed was that there was not sufficient advertising.

The Report of the Maori Affairs Department (AJHR 1967 G - 9) says that the amalgamation of titles to Whanganui Vested Lands was being undertaken to simplify the collection and distribution of rents by the Maori Trustee.

Cross Reference: NZPD vol 354 (1967) 4156 - 4159, 4459 - 4460

AJHR (1967) G - 9 p.22
(*Maori Affairs Department*).