



Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991

- Citation:** No 103
Date of Assent: 3 October, 1991
Commencement: Date of Assent
- Repeal:** Still in Force
Amendments: 1994, No 113.
Type of Legislation: Public
Subject: Lakes, Rivers, Beds, Foreshores etc
 ToW/Principles of ToW reference
- Relevant Sections:** *s3:* All persons exercising functions under this Act shall have regard to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).
s4: Act applies to all land which was formerly alienated from the Crown and is foreshore or seabed vested in a Harbour Board or local authority or has been unlawfully reclaimed from the sea.
s5: Subject to *s6*, all original vestings of land are revoked and all land to which this Act applies is revested in the Crown.
s6: Saving of existing authorities, agreements and rights.
- Commentary:** The purpose of the Act was described in the Debates as “to rationalise the status of coastal land” and it resulted from local government reform and the demise of Harbour Boards. Existing Waitangi Tribunal claims are not to be jeopardised. Issues relevant to this Act are being heard (1993 - 1994) by the Waitangi Tribunal in Te Whanganui a Orotu (Wai 55) claim.
- Cross Reference:** NZPD vol 518 (1991) 4175 - 4177
 NZPD vol 519 (1991) 4589 - 4598, 4613 - 4615.