

Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1993

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Repeal: Still in Force

Amendments: -

Type of Legislation: Public

Subject: Gifts/Alienations for Schools, Churches etc.

Lakes, Rivers, Beds, Foreshores etc.

Public Works

Maori Land Court: Structures & Jurisdiction

Relevant Sections: *s2:* Ruakura Animal Research Station land.

s3: Pukeroa Domain. Lease to Ngati Whakaue for kaumatua

housing.

s4: Urewera National Park. Highway realignment.

s12: Pukaki Domain. Following the 1985 Waitangi Tribunal Report on the Manukau Harbour and recommendations in favour of Ngati Te Akitai and Waiohua, and notwithstanding the Harbour Boards Dry Land Endowment Revesting Act 1991 the Manukau City Council may transfer land without payment to the Pukaki Maori Marae Committee.

s13: Te Ngae Mission Farm. Following the Waitangi Tribunal's Ngati Rangiteaorere Claim Report in 1990, two Anglican Church Trust Boards are enabled by this special legislation to transfer lands to Rangiteaorere (male deceased) and the MLCt is empowered to appoint trustees to hold the lands for the general benefit of his

descendants.

Commentary: During the Debates Gregory says that the land under *s*2 is subject to

a Tainui claim and when discussing *s4* he makes a point of the fact that roading provisions were used to take Maori land without compensation. Section 3 authorises the leasing of land to Ngati Whakaue for the purpose of Kaumatua housing and the Debates contains a background to the Pukeroa Domain. Section 12 allows the Manukau City Council to transfer land to the Pukaki Maori Marae Committee following the Waitangi Tribunal Manukau Harbour Report which recommended that the land be reserved for the Ngati Te Akitai and Waiohua. The Pukaki lands include the Pukaki Lagoon which was vested in the Auckland Harbour Board by the Manukau

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Harbour Control Act 1911 and later reclaimed and leased. The Tribunal Report details the way that the Maori owners gradually lost their land or had it taken from them. Section 13 concerns the purchase of the Te Ngae land by the Church Missionary Society before 1840. The purchase was not approved by the Land Claims Commission but the CMS was issued a Crown Grant in 1854 and the land had remained under the control of Anglican Trust Boards ever since. This section enables this private land to be restored to Maori claimants as a result of a Waitangi Tribunal hearing.

Cross Reference:

NZPD vol 533 (1993) 13394 - 13403, 13634 - 13637

Waitangi Tribunal *The Ngati Rangiteaorere Claim Report* Wai 32 (Brooker & Friend, Wellington, 1990)

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