

day of the date hereof the parts of the Paraparaumu Beach Domain described in the Schedule hereto shall cease to be subject to Part II of the said Act, and shall be Crown lands available for disposal by way of sale for cash under the Land Act, 1948.

SCHEDULE

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT

Lot 24, D.P. 11200, being part Section 5, Wainui District, situated in Block II, Paekakariki Survey District: Area, 1 rood 14-4 perches, more or less.

Lot 49, D.P. 9507, being parts Sections 1 and 2, Wainui District, situated in Block I, Paekakariki Survey District: Area, 2 roods 30 perches, more or less.

Lot 11, D.P. 11363, being part Section 22, Wainui District, situated in Block II, Paekakariki Survey District: Area, 32 perches, more or less.

Lot 10, D.P. 11617, being part Section 5, Wainui District, situated in Block II, Paekakariki Survey District: Area, 36-68 perches, more or less.

Lot 92, D.P. 12298, being parts Sections 3 and 4, Wainui District, situated in Block I, Paekakariki Survey District: Area, 1 acre 0 roods 5-42 perches, more or less.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

(L. and S. H.O. 1/953; D.O. 8/329.)

Setting Apart Maori Land as a Maori Reservation

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 6th day of December, 1949

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section five of the Maori Purposes Act, 1937, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby set apart and reserve the Maori freehold land described in the Schedule hereto as a Maori reservation for the use of the adherents of the Ratana faith as a church site.

SCHEDULE

Block.	Area.			Survey District.
	A.	R.	P.	
Mangamuka West 3F 1	0	2	0	Block XIV, Maungataniwha.

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(M.A. 21/3/192.)

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SCHEDULE

Block.	Area.			Survey District.
	A.	R.	P.	
Awarua 2C 13L (part)	4	0	2-7	VII, Ohinewairua.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

(M.A. 21/3/201.)

Officers Authorized to Take and Receive Statutory Declarations

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

PURSUANT to the authority conferred upon me by the three-hundred-and-first section of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1927, I, Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby notify and declare that the persons whose names are set out in the Schedule hereto, being officers in the service of the Crown holding the offices stated opposite their names respectively in the said Schedule, are authorized to take and receive statutory declarations under the three-hundred-and-first section of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1927.

SCHEDULE

Frederick Charles McCullough, District Officer, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Auckland.
Clyde Owen Clinton, District Officer, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Christchurch.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 7th day of December, 1949.

H. G. R. MASON, Minister of Justice.

Royal Commission to Inquire Into and Report Upon Claims Preferred by Certain Maori Claimants Concerning the Payment of Certain Moneys by the Aotea District Maori Land Board in Respect of the West Taupo Timber Lands, the Tarawera and Tatarakainga Blocks, the Mohaka Block, and the Opouturi Block

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith:

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor, SIR MICHAEL MYERS, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and to Our Trusty and Well-beloved subjects, HUBERT MAXWELL CHRISTIE, of Wellington, Company Director, and RICHARD ORMSBY, of Te Kuiti, Farmer: GREETING:

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 14 of the Maori Purposes Act, 1935, the Aotea District Maori Land Board paid to the Egmont Box Company, Limited, a sum of £23,500 in terms of the said section:

And whereas it is provided by the said section that the aforesaid sum together with certain costs and expenses shall be deemed to be a loan to the owners, including the Crown, of the whole of the lands described and referred to in a certain deed of agreement bearing date the 23rd day of December, 1908, made between the Maniapoto-Tuwharetoa District Maori Land Board of the one part and the Tongariro Timber Company, Limited, of the other part, excepting such portions of the said lands as have been actually transferred to the Tongariro Timber Company, Limited, for an estate in fee simple:

And whereas it is further provided by the said section that upon payment of such sum as is therein referred to the said Board shall by virtue of the said reciting Act and as security for the repayment of the moneys hereinbefore referred to, and together with interest thereon, be deemed to have a charge upon the said lands and the revenue therefrom, excepting any of such land or any interest therein acquired or owned by the Crown:

And whereas the said section makes provision for the apportionment of the liability for the repayment of the said loan-moneys as between the Crown and the Maori owners of the said lands and as between certain blocks of land therein referred to:

And whereas certain Maoris have contended that if by the operation of the said section they are rendered liable for the repayment of the said moneys, or any part thereof, they ought not to have been so rendered liable, and that their lands should not have been made subject to any charge as security for the repayment of the said moneys, or any part thereof:

And whereas, pursuant to section 38 of the Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1924, and section 46 of the Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1928, certain amendments were made by the Maori Land Court in the titles to certain subdivisions of the lands formerly known as the Tarawera and Tatarakainga Blocks:

And whereas certain Maoris claim to have suffered an injustice by reason of the amendments aforesaid, on the grounds, amongst others, that the said lands had been awarded to their predecessors in title pursuant to an agreement dated the 13th day of July, 1870, made between the Crown and certain Maoris:

And whereas by a certain deed bearing date the 5th day of December, 1851, certain Maoris whose names were thereto subscribed, did thereby, in consideration of the payment of the sum therein mentioned, sell and entirely give up to Her Majesty the Queen the land known as the Mohaka Block, the boundaries of which were set forth in the said deed and delineated on a map thereunto attached:

And whereas the sale of the said Mohaka Block to the Crown has been impugned by certain Maoris claiming to be descended from persons entitled to interests in the said block, upon the grounds, amongst others, that the great majority of the persons who subscribed their names to, or made their marks upon, the said deed had no proprietary rights whatsoever to the said block; that those who were entitled to sell their interests and did so sell their interests in the said block were not the only owners thereof and had no power or authority to cede the interests of the owners therein; that the deed of cession was not properly executed; and that the purchase price paid by the Crown for the said block was inadequate:

And whereas on the 25th day of April, 1871, a Crown grant was issued in the names of certain Maoris in respect of the land known as Opouturi Block:

And whereas on the 17th day of June, 1884, the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Land District of Auckland executed a declaration to the effect that the said Opouturi Block, among others, had been purchased by and conveyed to the Crown in the year 1871 and that the deed of conveyance to Her Majesty the Queen had been destroyed by fire in or about the year 1872:

And whereas the said Opouturi Block has for many years been deemed to be Crown land and has been administered as such:

And whereas certain Maoris have, in a number of petitions to Parliament, contended that a portion only of the said Opouturi Block was sold to the Crown and that the residue of the said block should be returned to the original Maori grantees or their descendants or representatives:

And whereas the Government is desirous that the truth and justice of the respective claims and complaints of the Maoris as hereinbefore set forth should be tested by inquiry so that, if such complaints be well founded and of substance, the Government will be able to take order for the redress of the grievances laid upon the Maoris: