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**Maori Purposes Act 1941**

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Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

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Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**This Act is administered by Te Puni Kōkiri.**

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**An Act to amend the laws relating to Maori and Maori land, to adjust certain claims and disputes in relation to Maori land, to confer jurisdiction upon the Maori Land Court, and for other purposes**

Title: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 2 of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

Title: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 4(2) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

**1 Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Maori Purposes Act 1941.

Section 1: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 9(1)(b) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

**2 Provisions of Maori Land Act 1931 to apply to this Act**

Words and expressions used in this Act shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same meaning as in the Maori Land Act 1931 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), and the provisions of the principal Act, so far as applicable, shall extend and apply to the cases provided for by this Act in as full and ample a manner as if this Act had been incorporated with and formed part of the principal Act.

Section 2 heading: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

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**Part 1  
Amendment of laws**

*[Repealed]*

Part 1: repealed, on 1 April 1954, pursuant to section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).

**3 Adoption order in favour of husband and wife where one spouse is European**

*[Repealed]*

Section 3: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).

- 4 Development of land upon recommendation by the court**  
*[Repealed]*  
Section 4: repealed, on 30 September 1952, by section 12 of the Maori Land Amendment Act 1952 (1952 No 9).
- 5 Section 5 of the Maori Purposes Act 1937 amended**  
*[Repealed]*  
Section 5: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).
- 6 Court may appoint successors to interests of descendants of Maori in Maori reserves**  
*[Repealed]*  
Section 6: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).
- 7 Dwelling sites for Maori**  
*[Repealed]*  
Section 7: repealed, on 1 April 1954, by section 473(1) of the Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94).

## **Part 2**

### **Miscellaneous powers**

#### *Tokerau District* *[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

- 8 Revesting Kenana Maori School site in Maori**  
*[Repealed]*  
Section 8: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

#### *Waiariki District*

- 9 Muruika Burial-ground**  
Whereas part of the land situated in the Waiariki Maori Land Court District and known as Muruika has been utilised to inter the bodies of deceased Maori soldiers and others, and it is

desired to set the same apart permanently for use in the future for such purposes:

Be it therefore enacted as follows:

- (1) For the purpose of this section **the League** shall mean the organisation known as the Te Arawa Maori Returned Soldiers' League.
- (2) The court is hereby empowered and authorised to make an order setting apart and reserving an area containing approximately 1 rood and 24 perches, being part of the land known as Muruika Block, and vesting the control and management thereof in a Board of Trustees (hereinafter in this section referred to as the **Board**) as a Maori burial ground for the interment of deceased Maori soldiers and such other persons as the Board shall authorise.
- (3) The Board shall consist of 7 members appointed by the court, who shall hold office for 1 year and thereafter until their successors are appointed and who shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (4) The members of the Board shall be nominated each year by the League at its annual general meeting, and a list of the persons nominated shall be forthwith submitted to the court, which shall thereupon appoint them accordingly unless the court for any reason considers any person so nominated unfit or unsuitable for appointment as a member of the Board.
- (5) If the League shall cease to exist or omit to make a nomination, the court may at any time it appears expedient, upon application to it, appoint a member of the Board, whether a member of the League or not.
- (6) A member of the Board may at any time resign from office by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the court, or the court may at any time remove any member for any cause that it thinks fit.
- (7) Any casual vacancy on the Board may be filled in the manner in which the appointment of the member vacating office was made, and for that purpose a nomination may be made by the League as soon as possible after the vacancy has occurred.
- (8) The powers and functions of the Board may be exercised by a majority of the members for the time being, and no act of the

Board shall be invalid because of any vacancy in the membership thereof.

- (9) The court may grant rights of way over other areas of land to give access to the burial ground constituted under this section or over the burial ground to give access to other lands.
- (10) Nothing in this section shall affect the power of the court to commence or to continue and complete the investigation of the title of the said Murihika Block, subject to the portion affected by this section still remaining subject hereto.
- (11) The court may, by order, make such regulations or bylaws for the conduct and administration of the burial ground as it shall think fit, and from time to time make further orders varying, extending, amending, or cancelling the same.

Section 9: amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 4(2) of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

Section 9(2): amended, on 27 November 1947, pursuant to section 2 of the Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59).

*Waikato-Maniapoto District*  
*[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

**10 Removing restriction against alienation of Lot 56, Karioi Parish**

*[Repealed]*

Section 10: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

*Ikaroa and Tairāwhiti Districts*  
*[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

**11 Control and management of Waipiro A16 and other blocks vested in Maori Trustee**

*[Repealed]*

Section 11: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

*Ikaroa and South Island Districts*

*[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 2 December 1948, pursuant to section 20(5) of the Maori Purposes Act 1948 (1948 No 69).

**12 Hemi Matenga Trust**

*[Repealed]*

Section 12: repealed, on 2 December 1948, by section 20(5) of the Maori Purposes Act 1948 (1948 No 69).

*Aotea District*

*[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

**13 Pariroa Maori Reserve**

*[Repealed]*

Section 13: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

*Ratana Pa*

*[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 29 September 1954, pursuant to section 5(8) of the Maori Purposes Act 1954 (1954 No 59).

**14 Ratana Trust Board constituted**

*[Repealed]*

Section 14: repealed, on 29 September 1954, by section 5(8) of the Maori Purposes Act 1954 (1954 No 59).

*General*

*[Repealed]*

Heading: repealed, on 25 October 1956, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

**15 Authorising disposal of Havelock Hostelry by Maori Trustee**

*[Repealed]*

Section 15: repealed, on 1 January 1956, by section 93(1) of the Maori Reserved Land Act 1955 (1955 No 38).

**16 Validating title to Allotment 11, Section 20, Village of  
Onehunga**

*[Repealed]*

Section 16: repealed, on 1 January 1956, by section 93(1) of the Maori Reserved Land Act 1955 (1955 No 38).

**17 As to the estate of Teo Tipene, deceased**

*[Repealed]*

Section 17: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

**18 Chief Judge may refer petitions in Schedule to Maori  
Land Court for report**

*[Repealed]*

Section 18: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

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**Schedule**  
**Petitions to be referred to the Maori Land  
Court, or a Judge thereof**

*[Repealed]*

Schedule: repealed, on 25 October 1956, by section 6(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43).

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## **Notes**

### **1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Maori Purposes Act 1941. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 25 October 1956, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

### **2 *Status of reprints***

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

### **3 *How reprints are prepared***

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and

provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989**

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

**5** *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint  
(most recent first)*

Maori Purposes Act 1956 (1956 No 43): section 6(1)

Maori Reserved Land Act 1955 (1955 No 38): section 93(1)

Maori Purposes Act 1954 (1954 No 59): section 5(8)

Maori Affairs Act 1953 (1953 No 94): section 473(1)

Maori Land Amendment Act 1952 (1952 No 9): section 12

Maori Purposes Act 1948 (1948 No 69): section 20(5)

Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59): sections 2, 4(1), (2), 9(1)(b)