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Maori Purposes Act 1956

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Note

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 law relating to Maoris and Maori land, and for other purposes

1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Maori Purposes Act 1956.

2 Provisions of Maori Affairs Act 1953 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 Affairs Act 1953 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), and the provisions of the principal Act, as far as they are applicable, shall extend and apply to the cases provided for in this Act in as full and ample a manner as if this Act had been incorporated with and formed part of the principal Act.

Part 1
Amendment of laws

3 Sale of timber, etc, to constitute alienation for purposes of Part 23 of principal Act

[Repealed]

Section 3: repealed, on 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 (1993 No 4).

4 Repealing provision that European land owned by Maoris may be declared Maori land

[Repealed]

Section 4: repealed, on 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 (1993 No 4).

5 Annual accounts of Maori Purposes Fund

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

6 Enactments repealed

- (1) The enactments specified in the Schedule are hereby repealed.
- (2) Without limiting the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1924, it is hereby declared that the repeal of any provision by this Act shall not affect any document made or any thing whatsoever done or suffered or any estate, right, title, interest, or benefit created, conferred, or acquired, or any obligation undertaken or imposed under any such enactment.

Part 2

Miscellaneous powers

Waiariki District

7 Term of leases granted by The Proprietors of Mangakino Township Incorporated

Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) of section 235 or in section 286 of the principal Act, no lease granted by the body corporate of owners constituted under Part 22 of the principal Act and known as The Proprietors of Mangakino Township Incorporated of the land vested in it shall be subject to the limitation imposed by the said section 235.

Ikaroa District

8 Disposal of balance of sum reserved for costs in Aorangi Claim

- (1) The Maori Trustee is hereby authorised and directed, after making payments in accordance with determinations made by the court pursuant to subsection (2) of section 24 of the Maori Purposes Act 1953, to disburse the balance of the sum of 5,000 pounds referred to in the said subsection (2) in such manner as appears to him to be in accordance with the wishes of the beneficiaries of the Aorangi Maori Trust Board constituted by section 3 of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955. The Maori Trustee may ascertain the wishes of the beneficiaries by such means as he thinks fit.

(2) *Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).*

Schedule
Enactments repealed

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1915 (1915 No 63)**

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1919 (1919 No 43)**

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1921–22 (1921–22 No 62)**

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1923 (1923 No 32)**

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1924 (1924 No 45)**

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1929 (1929 No 19)**

**Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment
Act 1930 (1930 No 29)**

Maori Land Claims Adjustment Act 1914 (1914 No 64)

Maori Land Laws Amendment Act 1908 (1908 No 253)

Maori Purposes Act 1931 (1931 No 32)
Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1933 (1933 No 50)
Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1934 (1934 No 37)
Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1935 (1935 No 39)
Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1936 (1936 No 56)*Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1937 (1937 No 34)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1938 (1938 No 23)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1939 (1939 No 28)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1940 (1940 No 25)****Maori Purposes Act 1941 (1941 No 22)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1942 (1942 No 15)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1943 (1943 No 24)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1944 (1944 No 17)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1945 (1945 No 42)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1946 (1946 No 37)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1947 (1947 No 59)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Maori Purposes Act 1948 (1948 No 69)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).*

Maori Purposes Act 1949 (1949 No 46)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1950 (1950 No 98)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1951 (1951 No 75)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1952 (1952 No 70)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1953 (1953 No 112)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Maori Purposes Act 1954 (1954 No 59)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

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Notes**1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Maori Purposes Act 1956. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 1 July 1993, 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)*

Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 (1993 No 4): section 362(2)
