

# Maori Purposes Act 1981

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**An Act to amend the law relating to Maoris and Maori land, and  
for other purposes**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the General Assembly of New Zealand  
in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as  
follows:

**1 Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Maori Purposes Act 1981.

**Part 1**

**Amendments of Maori Affairs Act 1953**

Part 1, comprising sections 2 to 6, was repealed, as from 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

**2 This Part to form part of Maori Affairs Act 1953**

*[Repealed]*

Part 1, comprising sections 2 to 6, was repealed, as from 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

**3 General jurisdiction of Court**

*[Repealed]*

Part 1, comprising sections 2 to 6, was repealed, as from 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

**4 Definition of owners in section 305 to be amended**

*[Repealed]*

Part 1, comprising sections 2 to 6, was repealed, as from 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

**5 Court may issue declaratory consolidated order in substitution for orders creating title to Maori land**

*[Repealed]*

Part 1, comprising sections 2 to 6, was repealed, as from 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

**6 Special powers of Chief Judge with respect to Court orders**

*[Repealed]*

Part 1, comprising sections 2 to 6, was repealed, as from 1 July 1993, by section 362(2) Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

## **Part 2**

### **Miscellaneous amendments of other Acts**

**7 Functions of Maori Trust Boards**

Section 24(2)(b) of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 is hereby amended by adding to subparagraph (vi) the word “; or”, and by adding the following subparagraph:

“(vii) By purchasing, acquiring, holding, selling, disposing of, or otherwise turning to account shares in any body corporate that has as one of its principal objects the economic or social advancement of Maoris, or the development of land.”.

**8 Countersigning of cheques and other instruments on behalf of Maori Trust Boards**

*[Repealed]*

Section 8 was repealed, as from 24 June 1996, by section 6(2)(b) Maori Trust Boards Amendment Act 1996 (1996 No 36).

**9 Appointment of Maori Wardens**

Section 7(2) of the Maori Community Development Act 1962 (as substituted by section 14(1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1975) is hereby amended by omitting the words “a Maori residing in that district who”, and substituting the words “residing in that district and”.

**10 Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims  
Adjustment Act 1926 amended in respect of fishing in  
Lake Taupo**

Section 14(2) of the Maori Land Amendment and Maori Land Claims Adjustment Act 1926 is hereby amended by omitting the words “Maoris the right to fish for and catch for their own use any indigenous fish in”, and substituting the words “members of the Tuwharetoa tribe the right to fish for and catch for their own use any fish in the said lake that are indigenous to”.

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This Act is administered in [Te Puni Kokiri (Ministry of Maori Development)]. The words Iwi Transition Agency were substituted, as from 1 October 1989, for the words Department of Maori Affairs pursuant to s 4(1) Maori Affairs Restructuring Act 1989 (1989 No 68). The words Te Puni Kokiri (Ministry of Maori Development) were substituted, as from 1 January 1992, for the words the Iwi Transition Agency pursuant to s 9(3)(a) Ministry of Maori Development Act 1991 (1991 No 145).

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