

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE]
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Hon. Mr Couch

MAORI PURPOSES

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A BILL INTITULED

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

5 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 I

10 AMENDMENTS OF MAORI AFFAIRS ACT 1953

2. **This Part to form part of Maori Affairs Act 1953**—This
Part of this Act shall be read together with and deemed part
of the Maori Affairs Act 1953* (in this Part referred to as the
principal Act).

*Reprinted 1968, Vol. 3, p. 2199
Amendment: 1974, No. 73

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3. General jurisdiction of Court—Section 30 (1) (e) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “Maori freehold land”, the words “or General land owned by Maoris”.

4. Definition of “owners” in section 305 to be amended— 5

(1) Section 305 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “legal or equitable,”, the words “or, in the case of any such persons who are deceased, their administrators (within the meaning of section 74 of the Maori Affairs Amendment Act 1967);”.

(2) Section 309 (4) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “claiming to be”, the words “the administrator of or”.

5. Court may issue declaratory consolidated order in substitution for orders creating title to Maori land—(1) Section 445 (3) of the principal Act (as amended by section 6 (1) (a) of the Maori Purposes Act 1957) is hereby amended by omitting the words “, being not less than two months in any case,”.

(2) Section 6 (1) of the Maori Purposes Act 1957 is hereby repealed.

6. Special powers of Chief Judge with respect to Court orders—(1) Section 452 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (1), and also in subsection (5), after the word “Court” wherever it occurs, the words “or a Registrar”.

(2) Section 452 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting in subsection (3), after the words “Appellate Court”, the words “or (where the application relates to an order made by a Registrar) to the Registrar”.

PART II

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—Section 29 of the Maori Trust Boards Act 1955 is hereby amended—

5 (a) By inserting in subsection (1), and also in subsection (2), and also in subsection (3), after the word “cheques” in each case, the words “or other instruments”:

(b) By inserting in subsection (3), after the word “cheque”, the words “or other instrument”.

10 **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”.

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15 **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
25 the said lake that are indigenous to”.