

MAORI WELFARE AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2 provides that Maori Wardens, while exercising functions in a Maori Committee area, shall be under the control and direction of the Maori Committee.

Clause 3: Section 9 of the principal Act provides that each Maori Committee shall consist of seven members. This clause empowers a District Maori Council to increase that number.

Clause 4: At present each Maori Executive Committee may appoint two members to the District Maori Council unless the number of Committees in the Maori Council district is more than 10 in which case each Committee may appoint one member. This clause permits a Committee to appoint three members if the number of Committees in a district is less than five.

Clause 5: At present only persons ordinarily resident in a Maori Committee area are eligible for election to a Maori Committee. This clause permits a person outside the area to be elected if he has marae affiliations in the area, but no person shall be eligible to be a member of more than one Maori Committee at the same time.

Clause 6: This clause repeals a provision requiring notification of membership of Maori Associations to be given to the Secretary for Maori Affairs and the gazetting of a list of all such memberships.

Clause 7: The principal Act authorises the Minister to remove from office any member of a Maori Association. This clause transfers that power to the New Zealand Maori Council.

Clause 8: At present the consent of the Minister is required before Associations acquire or sell land. This clause removes that requirement.

Hon. Mr Hanan

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Maori Welfare Act 1962

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Maori Welfare Amendment Act 1963, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Maori Welfare Act 1962 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. **Maori Wardens**—Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsection:

15 “(2A) Every Maori Warden shall, while exercising his functions in a Maori Committee area, be under the control and authority of the Maori Committee for that area and may be assigned such duties consistent with this Act within the area as the Committee shall determine.”

3. Maori Committees—Subsection (2) of section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following proviso:

“Provided that in any case where a District Maori Council considers it desirable to do so, it may by resolution increase the number of members to be elected to any Maori Committee in the district of the Council to such number as it thinks fit.”

4. District Maori Councils—Subsection (3) of section 15 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following additional proviso:

“Provided also that if the number of Maori Executive Committees in any Maori Council district is less than five, each of those Committees may appoint three members to the Council.”

5. Election of Maori Committees—Subsection (4) of section 19 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following proviso:

“Provided that any person not ordinarily resident in the area shall be eligible for election if he has marae affiliations in the area; but no person shall be entitled to be a member of more than one Maori Committee at any one time.”

6. Appointment of members of Maori Associations—Subsection (4) of section 21 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

7. Vacancies in membership—Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) Any member of a Maori Association may be removed from office by the New Zealand Maori Council for disability, neglect of duty, or misconduct proved to the satisfaction of the Council, or he may resign his office by notice in writing to the Association of which he is a member:”.

8. Acquisition of land by Association—Section 40 of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By omitting the words “with the precedent consent of the Minister”:

(b) By omitting the words “with the like consent”.