

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.

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Legislative Council,
10th October, 1895.

[AS REPORTED FROM THE NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 18TH OCT., 1895.]

Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley.

WESTLAND AND NELSON NATIVE RESERVES ACT
AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	3. Payment to Native beneficiaries of Arahura Reserve authorised.
1. Short Title.	
2. Native beneficiary of over sixteen may give valid discharge for payments by Public Trustee.	

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887." Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1895." Short Title.

2. Any Native over the age of sixteen years, whether under coverture or not, may from time to time give good and valid discharges for any moneys which he or she is entitled to receive from the Public Trustee under "The Westland and Nelson Native Reserves Act, 1887" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"), or may, by writing under his or her hand, attested by a Justice of the Peace, solicitor of the Supreme Court, or Postmaster, authorise any other Native beneficiary under the principal Act to receive and give discharges for any such moneys if actually due and payable when such authority is given; but every such authority shall be absolutely void if it relates to moneys which are not actually due and payable at the time when the authority is given. Native beneficiary of over sixteen may give valid discharge for payments by Public Trustee.

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25 3. Whereas the Native beneficiaries of the Arahura Reserve lately incurred much expense in removing their dwellings above the flood-level of the Arahura River, and it is equitable that such expense should be defrayed out of capital: Be it therefore enacted that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the principal Act, the Public Trustee, out of any capital moneys held by him in respect of that reserve, may in his discretion refund to the Native beneficiaries whatever sum he is satisfied that they have expended for the purpose aforesaid: Provided that the Public Trustee shall decide both as to the Natives who are entitled to relief under this section and as to the extent of the relief to which they are respectively entitled, and his decision shall be final.

New clause.

35 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the principal Act, it is hereby declared that the Public Trustee may pay to the Natives for the benefit of whom he holds the Arahura Reserve, according to their respective interests, a certain capital sum of one thousand five hundred and ninety-three pounds, recently received by him as compensation for actual and prospective damage to that reserve in consequence of the Arahura River having been declared a watercourse under "The Mining Act, 1886." Payment to Native beneficiaries of Arahura Reserve authorised.