

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 25 August 2016

Māori Purposes Bill

Proposed amendments

Meka Whaitiri, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 9

In *clause 9*, in the heading to *new section 5* (page 6, line 24), delete “**and jurisdiction of High Court**” .

In *clause 9*, delete *new section 5(2) and (3)* (page 6, lines 27 to 30).

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 9* by deleting *new section 5(2) and (3)* and amending the heading to *new section 5*. The provisions, the removal of which is proposed, seek to establish the jurisdiction of the High Court to determine any dispute relating to the administration and governance of the Wi Pere Trust, and makes explicit that the Māori Land Court has no jurisdiction over any such dispute. The amendment would retain the status quo, with the Māori Land Court having jurisdiction. The Māori Land Court has expertise in Māori customary law that the High Court does not. Also, the costs associated the High Court process are substantially greater than those of the Māori Land Court. This would disadvantage the ability of stakeholders to access justice.