

Examined and certified:

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth
the Second I hereby assent to this Act this day
of 1968.



Chief Judge of the High Court
of the Cook Islands Acting
for the High Commissioner

ANALYSIS

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| <p>1. Title</p> <p>2. Vesting certain Crown land in private persons</p> | <p>3. Land Court to investigate title</p> |
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1968, No. 14

An Act to vest certain Crown land no longer required
for public purposes in the persons found entitled
thereto

(24 December 1968)

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the Vesting of Part KOTUKUTEA Section No. 3 Act 1968.

2. Vesting certain Crown land in private persons -
Whereas a parcel of land situate in the District of Tamarua in the Island of Mangaia containing 8 acres 1 rood 20 perches more or less, being the land named KOTUKUTEA Section No. 3 as delineated and edged yellow on Plan No. 30 deposited in the office of the Registrar of the High Court at Rarotonga was taken by Order in Council dated 31st day of October 1931 for the purposes of education; And Whereas compensation of twenty-six dollars was assessed by the High Court and paid in respect of the said land; And Whereas part of the said land being an area of 2 acres 0 roods 05 perches more or less, as delineated and edged yellow on Plan No. 731 deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Rarotonga is no longer required for the purposes of education or any other public purpose; And Whereas it is expedient that the said part of the land be vested in certain private persons; Be it therefore enacted as follows:

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Cook Islands Act 1915, the parcel of land situate in the District of Tamarua in the Island of Mangaia containing an area of 2 acres 0 roods 05 perches more or less, being part of the land named KOTUKUTEA Section No. 3 as delineated and edged yellow on Plan No. 731 deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Rarotonga (hereinafter referred to as "the vested land") is hereby vested in the persons who shall be found to be entitled thereto on an investigation of title by the Land Court of the Cook Islands as next to be referred to; And the said land is hereby declared to be customary land within the meaning of the Cook Islands Act 1915 to be held by the said persons and their descendants according to their native customs and usages.

3. Land Court to investigate title - Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Cook Islands Act 1915, the Land Court of the Cook Islands is hereby authorised and empowered to investigate the title to the vested land and to determine the relative interests of the owners thereof in the same manner as if the said Order in Council dated 31st day of October 1931 had never been made.
