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ANALYSIS

Title

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| 1. Short Title                         | 2. Vesting certain Crown<br>Land in Private<br>Persons |
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1965, No. 1

An Act to Vest certain Crown Land no longer  
required for Public Purposes in the  
persons found entitled thereto.

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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 Moturakau Vesting Act 1965.

2. Vesting certain Crown Land in private persons - Whereas the land called or known as Moturakau, an island situate in the lagoon of the Island of Aitutaki is Crown land within the meaning of the Cook Islands Act 1915; And whereas the land was formerly used for public health purposes as a leper station and is now no longer required for that or any other public purpose; And whereas it is expedient that the land be vested in certain private persons, Be it therefore enacted as follows:

Notwithstanding anything in the Cook Islands Act 1915 the land called or known as Moturakau an island situate in the lagoon of the Island of Aitutaki containing an area of Three (3) acres and Three (3) roods, more or less, as delineated in the plan numbered 1644 deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor at Rarotonga and thereon edged red 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 may 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 of the land described in Section 2 of this Act and to determine the relative interests of the owners thereof in the same manner as if the freehold order of the Court relating to this land dated the 25th day of July 1918 had never been made.

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