

26. Soil conservation reserves

- (1) The Commissioner may from time to time recommend to the Minister what lands (whether Crown or private), in the opinion of the Commissioner should be reserved as soil conservation reserves.
- (2) Where the land so recommended to be reserved is Crown land, the Governor may by Proclamation declare the same to be a soil conservation reserve under this Act.
- (3) Where the land is private land it may be taken as for a public work under Part 9 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, and the provisions of that Act shall apply accordingly, and the land so taken shall be a soil conservation reserve under this Act.
- (4) The Governor may, on the recommendation of the Minister, by a subsequent Proclamation revoke any prior Proclamation whereby any land has been declared to be a soil conservation reserve, and thereupon such soil conservation reserve shall be abolished.
- (5) Where a soil conservation reserve is abolished as provided for in subsection (4) the lands comprised therein shall forthwith become Crown land within the meaning and for the purposes of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, and may be dealt with under that Act accordingly.
- (6) The expression “**Crown land**” as used in subsection (2) has the same meaning as in the *Land Administration Act 1997*, and the expression “**Private land**” as used in subsection (3) means any land other than Crown land.

[Section 26 amended by No. 31 of 1997 s. 81(4), (5), 141 and 142.]