

# TIMELINE OF NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT

1854 - 1911



On the 24th May 1854 the first parliament in New Zealand was in business in Auckland for ten years.

1854



Henry Sewell, the first official New Zealand Prime minister

1856



After battling with Auckland parliament, a new parliament was built and in 1862 it was permanently moved to Wellington.

1858-1862



The first two Maori council members were appointed. They believed that the decisions were affecting Maori.

1872



The parliamentary site got caught on fire in the year 1907. Later on in 1911, Minister Joseph Ward announced a competition for a new parliament design.

1911

Australia had asked New Zealand to be a part of the Australian states, thankfully the New Zealand government refused as they had other goals.

1901



By 1893 many women demanded that they should have the right to vote. Now New Zealand is the first country to give women the right to vote.

1893



Parliament member William Lee Rees's speech lasted over 24 hours, including breaks making it the longest speech in New Zealand parliament.

1876

