

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Auckland (morning)

Wānanga on the proposed Māori Land Service

24 September 2016

35 Attendees

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua.

As man disappears from sight, the land remains.

“To Māori, land is everything. Land provides our sense of identity, belonging, and continuity.”

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Auckland (morning) - Wānanga tables



Auckland (morning)

Key insights from wānanga tables - written

A SERVICE THAT CAN
COME TO THE
PEOPLE AND BE
AMONGST US

CONNECTING
KNOWLEDGE

OWNER CONSENT OVER
DECISION MAKING

PRIORITY (3)

- Provide a person who can help
- Educating landowners on what information is out there

WHY

- Māori Land owner more informed through different platforms to cater for all generations.

PRIORITY (4)

TPK
= MLC
+ LINZ
- scholarships

- Council
- Education - Apprenticeships - Training - ships
- Navigators
- Mobile Accessibility
 - marae
 - mobile unit

WHY

* to include

* knowledge needs to be passed on: younger ones learn from MLCs + take home

beast to navigate through = productive assistance

local Nav = local offices

MLC role in ensuring owner consent over decisions

Te tapu i te
Nhenua
Te tapu i te
moana
Te tapu i te
fongata
Te tapu o nga
Motu

Auckland (morning)

Key insights from wānanga tables - written

MAHI TAHI – CLEAR PURPOSE

MLS SHOULD BE WHĀNAU, HAPU, IWI LED

PRIORITY ⑦

Just start!
start!!

Clear
direction
+ purpose.

1. mahitahi
- clear purpose
2. Resourcing
- capacity + capability
- the right expert accessible
3. Engaging
whānau -
reconnecting

Because it's
already
too late!

Strength
through
unity

Mahi tahi

PRIORITY ⑤

~~Maori~~
Maori must maintain
their own tino rangatira-
tanga mana motuhake over
their whenua

- 4 all four as important
as each other.

Auckland (morning)

Key insights from wānanga tables - oral

A SERVICE THAT CAN COME TO THE PEOPLE AND BE AMONGST US

We talked mainly about providing information and how this is disseminated to the land owners and to our whānau out there. Provide a person to help us with our questions and queries. Educating land owners on the information that is out there. A lot of us don't know what we are looking at, what is out there and what is available.

Māori land owners need to be more informed through different platforms and to cater for all generations. We were looking at a 75 year old not wanting to get out of the house to our younger generation who are texting, Facebooking and we actually went from TV, to kanohi ki te kanohi, to texting to Facebooking.

We thought it would be good if we could get Māori Land Services more into the community, not a hierarchy but more community friendly. Because one thing we are good at is recognizing somebody or some service that will get in with us when we need to access that.

We want a service that can come to the people and be amongst us. We want them to bridge the gap between our rangitahi and our kaumātua. Because our rangitahi are our future Māori land owners and because the kaumātua hold the history of the whenua

It is about information sharing, korero and having a kai sometimes. That would be whānaungatanga.



CONNECTING KNOWLEDGE

I am a shareholder on a whenua trust. We looked at governance, about the resourcing of trusts and our shareholders, through all these services... MLS, TPK, Māori Land Court, government services. They renew their computers often. They could reboot them, and give them out to us so that we can get them out to all our whānau, especially here in New Zealand. A lot of our people can't afford computers but they can email.

We need navigators that can connect different knowledge: LINZ, council and a step-by-step program with Māori land owners. A one stop shop on Māori Land Services.

- Māori Land Services can provide support on how to research land and how to connect to land
- Register of all commercial activities on Māori land online so we can track around and see what other whānau are doing on their land
- Services paid by Māori Land Services. Strategic planning
- Soil testing, business plans, all of these things to provide the ability to develop whenua sustainably.

Why: To build capability, to be loud and proud and to establish a sustainable whenua. Knowledge needs to be passed down, younger ones can learn from MLS and take those learnings home.

INTERGENERATIONAL TEACHING, LEARNING AND THINKING

We had a lot of kaumātua and then one young women with us. The need to have what we have here in Auckland up in other areas. Engage whānau and connect them to the whenua. Getting us altogether, then getting us to agree can be hard.

Generational teaching, generational learning - so we can teach our kids. Generational thinking.

Auckland (morning)

Key insights from wānanga tables - oral

MAHI TAHI – CLEAR PURPOSE

We need clear direction and purpose. Free and easy access to simple and clear information and advice. Because there is a lot of complexity and access to information around what we can do with our whenua.

Resourcing capability and capacity

Having an online portal and communication tools. Our online portal could be a live chat system. They can chat to you about what you can and can't do with your whenua. Having phone apps. Having a guide for our kaumātua or kuia, that can step them through the process in person.

The advice and support to develop the opportunities we do have for our whenua. Self-sustainable. So being able to find advice – we know what we want to do we need help to walk us through what we need to do.

Engaging and reconnecting whānau.

To ensure we are living self-sustaining as a whānau and living our mahi tahi – clear purpose.

MLS SHOULD BE WHĀNAU, HAPU, IWI LED SUPPORT SERVICES SHOULD WRAP AROUND THEIR ASPIRATIONS

The priority for Māori Land Service should not be to support the existing Māori land, but to help with strategies in returning other land that was taken from whānau, iwi and hapū.

We talked about the existing stuff that was happening, but it is actually bigger than that, it is repatriating the place where our tupuna work. So not only existing, but also where they work.

Māori must maintain their own tino rangatiratanga Māori Motuhake over their whenua.

LOCAL SERVICES AND TRAINING FOR OUR WHĀNAU

We covered a lot of the same korero from the group. One of the things that came up around MLC, TPK, LINZ – we would also like to have the council included in this. Papakāinga – the council is a beast to work through.

We want the training our whānau on the marae.

Succession that needs to happen, cadetship for our future young people to learn the mahi of MLS to build our capability.

Local services, local branches. Mobile service that goes around the rohe to the people.

OWNER CONSENT OVER DECISION MAKING

Our key priority we discussed on our table is, if a trust is set up over whenua then the owners needs to have consent. And so we had a discussion about how do we do that as a process and also looked at the process of conflict resolution.

Our experience was brought to the table. We have a Māori trust that was set up over our land, without my consent or my Dad's and yet the land is in his name. MLS has a role in ensuring owner consent over decision making.