

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Kaitāia

Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

14 October 2016

42 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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Kaitiāia Wānanga



Our input today needs to be understood as limited to this context:

Our input is to be taken in the context of the current state today since the Te Ture Whenua Māori reforms have not been passed. You are asking for our input into a service we are not sure we want.

We think the Māori Land Court (MLC) has the expertise and the experience they just don't have the resources, the resources allocated to MLS should go to the MLC to streamline and develop the services they are already delivering.

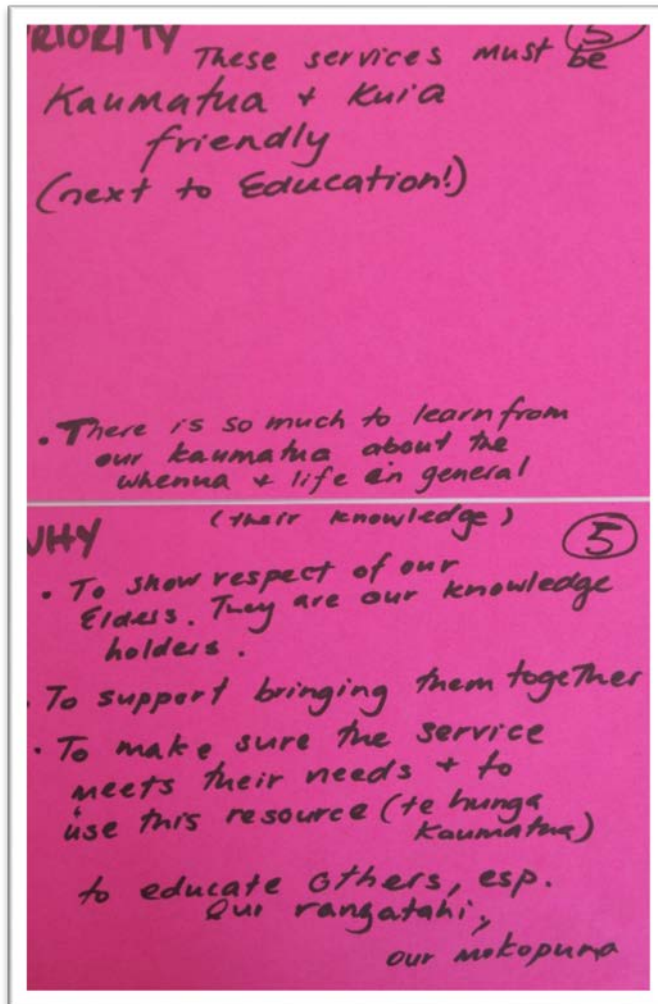
MLC does not have a register of trustees, they could do this they just need the resources to build that data base.

Put the resources back in the MLC to improve what we all ready have as a foundation for a service for Māori land owners.

Nothing that we contribute today is to be misconstrued as support.

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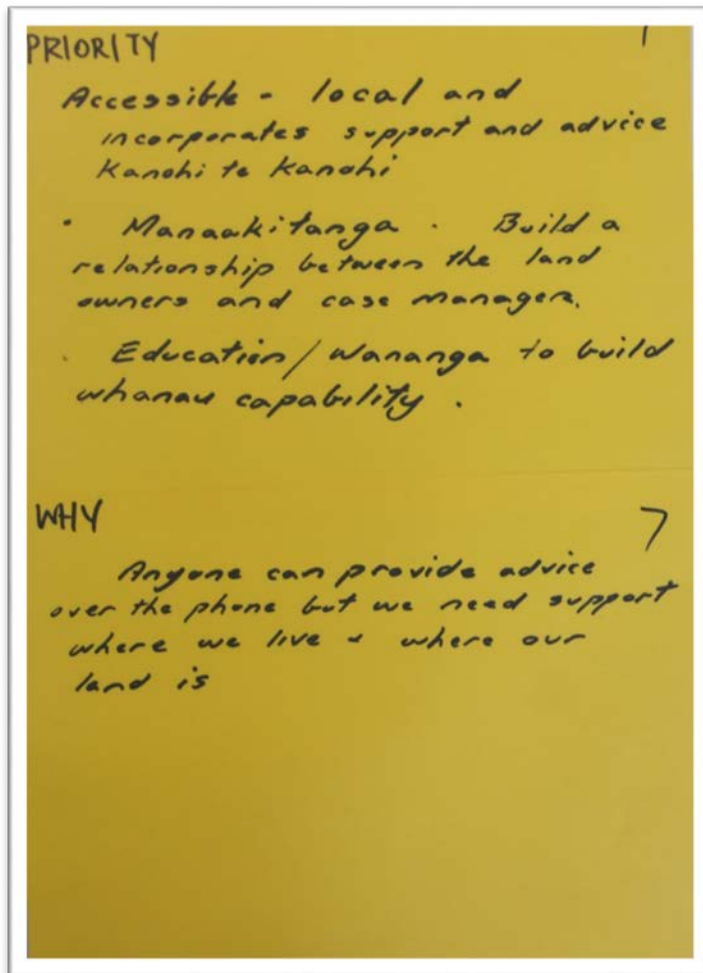
THESE SERVICES MUST BE KAUMĀTUA AND KUIA FRIENDLY

There is so much to learn from kaumātua about the whenua and life in general. We need to make sure the service supports their needs and to learn from their knowledge

- To show respect for our elders - they are our knowledge holders
- To support bringing them together
- To make sure the service meets their needs and to use this resource - te hunga kaumātua
- To educate others, especially our rangatahi and our mokopuna

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LOCAL AND ACCESSIBLE

To incorporate support and advice kānohi-ki-te-kānohi

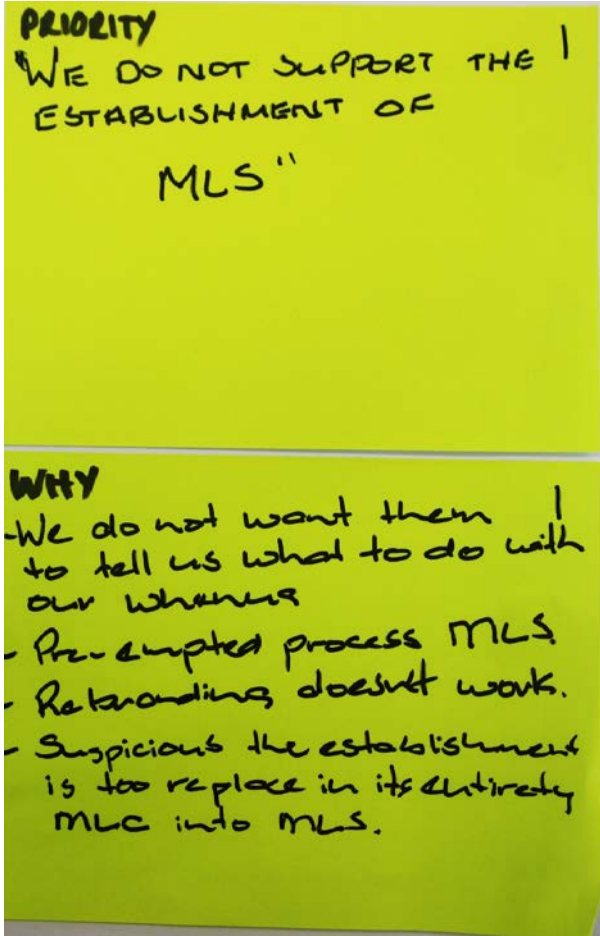
Manaakitanga - build a relationship between the land owners and case managers - someone working for them and with them that understands.

A key priority is education. The service provides the opportunity for wānanga, which will support and build whānau capability to do things themselves.

Anyone can provide advice over the phone, we need support local where we live and where our land is.

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WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MLS

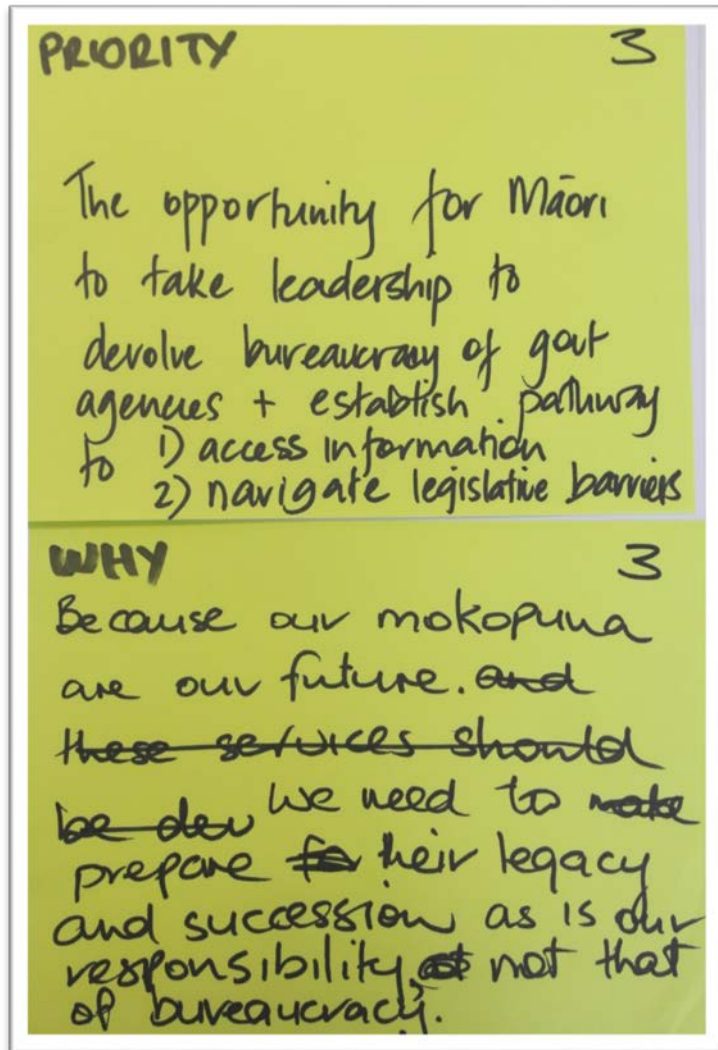
We do not want to be told what to do with whenua. The mana belongs to whānau and hapū. The future kaupapa for whānau hapū should exist around our whānau Māori - give the resources back to our people to hold the mana. Right now the system is out of touch with us, they do not hear us.

How did we come to be here today? There is a big gap between the last hui and today, we believe the MLS is preempted.

Whānau/hapū have the mana and our court will be the marae, let us live our lives.

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MĀORI TO TAKE LEADERSHIP

The opportunity for Māori to take leadership and to devolve the bureaucracy of government agencies and establish pathways to:

1. Access information; and
2. Navigate legislative barriers.

Because our mokopuna are our future, we need to prepare for their legacy and succession, as it is our responsibility.

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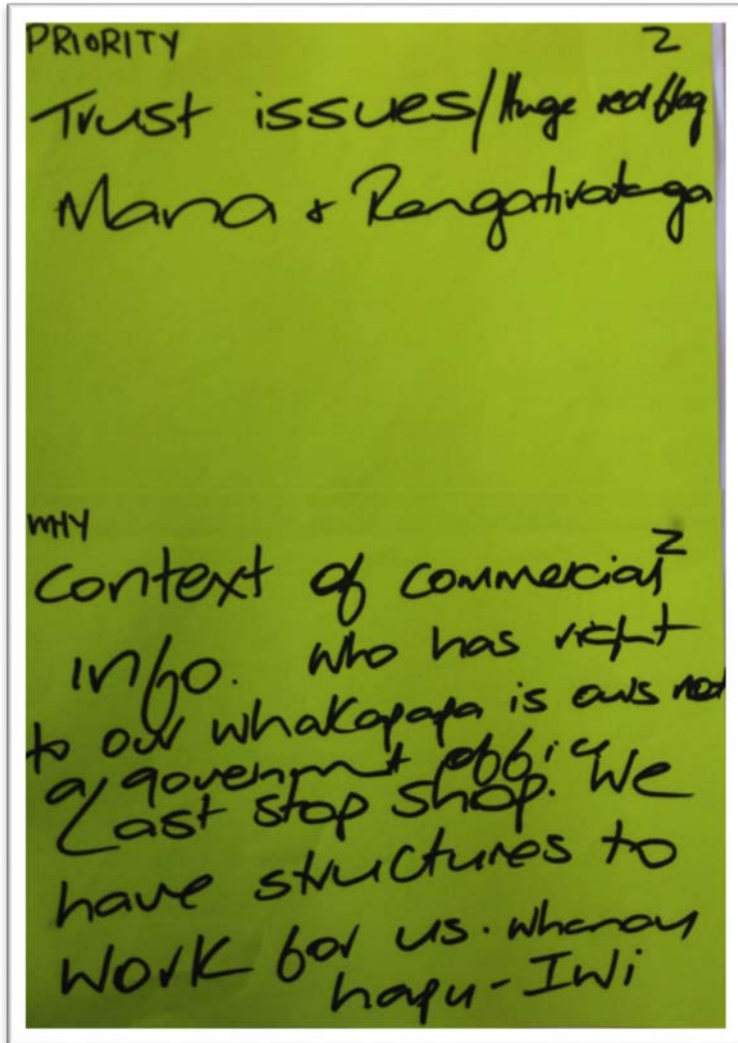
WHAT IS THE KAUPAPA MLS THAT IS RIGHT FOR MĀORI?

Te kupu 'whakamahi' its like a big red flag. Nā tō tātou whanaunga i hōmai i tētahi tohu ki a tātou the real kaupapa might be about te whakamahi o tātou whenua. I whai whakaaro mātou...ko wai e hiahia ana te whakamahi i o tātou whenua?

Ko te kāwanatanga....so that there is none of this unproductive Māori land

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MANA AND RANGATIRATANGA

There is a lot of uncertainty in the environment - the law is not true yet, it is commercially focused.

Rangatiratanga and mana - the mana resides in the whānau and hapū.

Our priorities are the acknowledgement of rangatiratanga and to return to hapū driven solutions and leadership.

If there is a MLS it should be a last stop shop.

It should be structured so that we make ourselves that work for us, whānau, hapū and iwi.

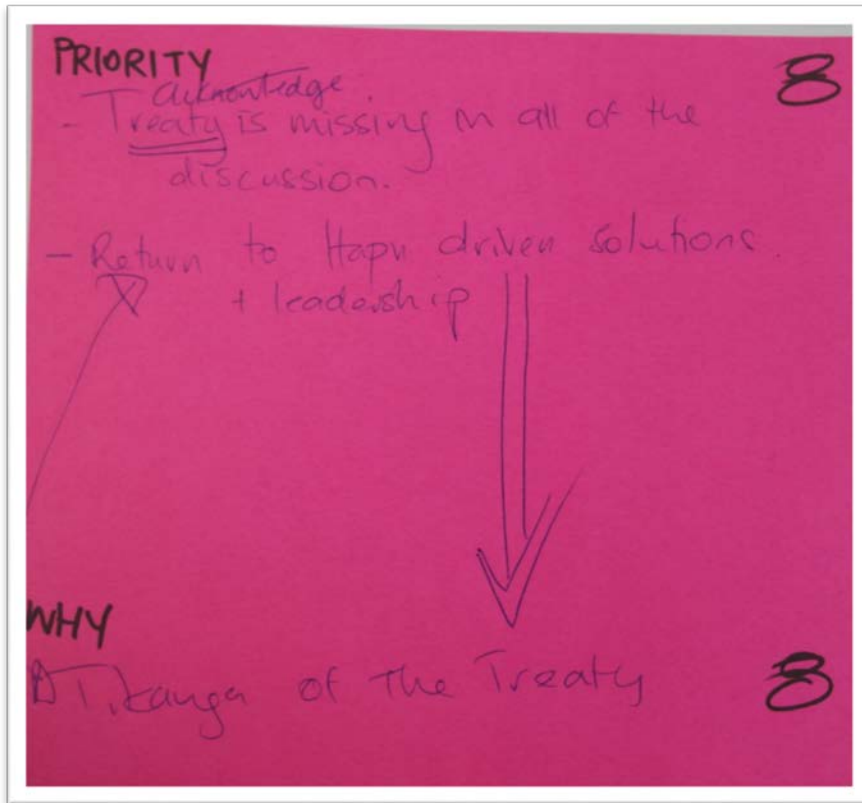
We talk about land development - it comes back to rangatiratanga who has the right to develop whenua or tell us how we should do that.

Our rangatahi and mokopuna should not go to a government office to learn all our key information, all of our whakapapa, the history of our land, they should come home and learn it the right way.

We will never achieve our aspirations to be navigators of our own destiny if we are dependant of others to do it for us.

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TIKANGA OF THE TREATY

The treaty is missing in all of this discussion.

To return back to hapū driven solutions and leadership, because that is the tikanga of the treaty.