

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

# Key Insights – Motueka

## Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

**22 September 2016**

**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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# Motueka - wānanga tables

Te Whare Taikura o Te Maatu



# Motueka - key insights from wānanga tables - written

## PROTECTION OF WHAKAPAPA

**PRIORITY** ①

of & hold.  
Protection of whakapapa.

① Fund legal services for landowners to claim unclaimed dividends!  
land

② Māori should hold unclaimed dividends and use these to fight court cases against local bodies and government.

**WHY?**

So that our people know where they come from and connect to their people, their part, touch base with their mana.

① Gives ~~our~~ mana and the mauri (life force).  
Links you back to your whenua and tipuna.

② Because most landowners can't afford it!

## BUILD CAPABILITY WITHIN WHĀNAU

**PRIORITY** ②

Providing land info <sup>easy relevant</sup> block by block.

- title
- ownership
- historical use
- Maps/GIS.
- survey / boundary history.
- Pūhā impacts
- Council impacts
- current use
- Current Status

Having the Service located in the Rāke of the Whānau e.g. Te Rau Ihu

Has to be available where the land is

- should never have gone away

Able to inform whānau.

Able to consider options for use

**Why**

- land records should be located with whānau.
- Tīkanga
- Kāwhiri tūāngā
- Rongātahi employment.

## PEOPLE FRIENDLY STAFF

**PRIORITY** ③

People friendly staff

**WHY?**

suitably qualified for a range of expertise  
(preferably Māori)

- haven't got time to - waste -
- want to get good advice
- Kaupapa Māori
- No buck passing

there to serve also because they want to have a positive attitude

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## CAPABILITY BUILD OUR OWN PEOPLE

**PRIORITY** (2)

Providing land info <sup>can relevant</sup> block by block.

- title
- ownership
- historical use
- maps/GIS.
- survey / boundary history.
- PUA impacts
- Council impacts
- current use
- current status

Able to inform whānau.

Able to consider options for use

Having the service located in the Rāke of the Whānau e.g. Te Tāwhiri

Has to be available where the land is

- should never have gone quiet

Why

- land records should be located with whānau.
- tīkanga
- Kaitiaki
- Rangatahi employment.

## WHENUA IS IMPORTANT TO OUR WHAKAPAPA

**PRIORITY** (3)

Whakapapa of the whenua

WHY?

It is the basis of the relationship

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## BUILD CAPABILITY WITHIN MLS AND OUR OWN PEOPLE

PRIORITY ⑤

Clear <sup>strategy,</sup> ~~goals~~ pathways + tools  
to establish 17,000 <sup>need to deal</sup> <sup>to deal</sup> <sup>with land</sup> <sup>unmanaged</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>legal</sup> <sup>entity</sup> <sup>structure</sup>  
new entities over  
Māori land by 2025  
\* capability <sup>of MLS</sup> <sup>of our</sup> <sup>people</sup>  
\* brokering relationships  
to create economic  
value

WHY.

To rule the nation  
with a brown fist.

clear goals on  
establishing  
service capability  
- structures  
+ gov in place

## EMPOWER WHĀNAU TO BUILD CAPABILITY AND UNDERSTANDING

PRIORITY ⑥

Empower whānau to know  
What is going on + to understand  
Process <sup>pull together</sup> <sup>all government</sup> <sup>departments</sup>  
- legal + financial assistance  
- communication - between whānau  
- transparency of process + responsibility

WHY? - liase between gov dept + whānau land owners.

It should be easy for  
whānau to get information  
these are not our rules  
we need to see the  
pathway  
We want to retain ownership  
of whenua + fur papaiinga  
housing

# Motueka - key insights from wānanga tables - oral

## PROTECTION OF THE WHAKAPAPA

*Protection of the whakapapa is the most important thing.*

We should hold all unclaimed land dividends to fight in the court against local bodies, the council and government.

So our people know where they come from and can connect to their people, their past, touch base with their mana and give them mauri (life force that unites you and your whenua tipuna).

Why? Because most landowners can't afford to take on these things.

## BUILD CAPABILITY WITHIN WHĀNAU

*Whānau need access to information that will empower them to make informed decisions around their whenua and options for use.*

As a land owner – we want to be able to ring up the Māori Land Service and access a whole lot of information about our whenua. The types of information we need include:

- Title
- Block
- Whether it is in a trust
- Ownership information
- Historical use
- Maps/G.I.S
- Survey/boundary history
- Council impacts
- Current status
- Current use

*I have to get info from all sorts of places – it is everywhere and it is hard*

*My whānau have land in Taranaki, I don't know the state of the whenua or the blocks that were in. I need to be able to ring up the Māori Land Service to get all the information so I can go to the AGM or whānau hui and have some really good information about where our whenua is.*

## CAPABILITY

*Build our own people. A service that is provided BY US FOR US.*

Having the service located in the rohe of the whenua e.g. Te Tau Ihu. It has to be where the land is and connect to regional knowledge. It should never have gone away.

This service should be contracted out to one of our entities, that way we become more knowledgeable and we provide the service that is expected of us. *For us by us in our rohe.*

Why:

- Land records should be located with the whenua
- Tikanga
- Kaitiaki tānga
- Rangatahi
- Employment

## PEOPLE-FRIENDLY STAFF

*Whakapapa, the foundation of it all.*

We haven't got time to waste, can not muck around.  
We want suitably qualified people and we would prefer them to be Māori.

We need people who have:

- A positive attitude
- A range of expertise who are there to serve.
- Good information and good advice.
- Kaupapa Māori
- No buck passing

We should not discount old and grey because age doesn't mean they don't know.

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## BUILD CAPABILITY WITHIN MLS AND OUR OWN PEOPLE

Looking at the capability of both MLS and of our people.  
MLS Strategy to establish seventeen thousand new entities over Māori land by 2025. Seventeen thousand is the number needed to deal with the unmanaged Māori land that isn't currently governed by legal entity structures.

How MLS brokers relationships to create economic value from the land.



## EMPOWER WHĀNAU TO BUILD CAPABILITY AND UNDERSTANDING

We are the future Māori land owners table– I have just taken on land – and pretty anxious about that.

We want MLS to empower whānau to know what is going on, to understand processes and to build capability:

- Legal and financial assistance
- Communication with in the whānau
- Transparency of processes and responsibilities
- Liaise between government and whānau
- Pull together all government departments

Why? It should be easy for whānau to get information these days . These are not our rules we need to see the pathway to do what we need to do. We want to retain ownership of the whenua for whānau and to use it to live sustainably - papakāinga housing.

