

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Rotorua

Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

6 October 2016

43 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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Rotorua – Wānanga table



Rotorua

Key insights from wānanga tables (written and oral)

PRIORITY

The Māori Land Service!
Should be the sole
repository for all info^{information}
support & advice for
all Māori Land Owners.

WHY

- Convenient, not have!
- Efficient service.
- Whakapapa - all records are held by the MLS.
- on-line & track succession applications.

A CONVENIENT, EFFICIENT SERVICE

Māori Land Service should be the sole repository for all information, support and advice for all Māori land owners.

A one-stop shop that is a convenient and efficient service.

All whakapapa records are held in one place by the Māori Land Service.

We should be able to track succession applications online to see what stage they are at.

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PRIORITY:

That the underlying system and database is a solid platform that is able to be upgraded & constantly developed with the WITH:

- security of information
- adequate + ongoing funding (not set up to fail)
- own functional team (front line staff working with developers and (to connect the technical with the core business))

WHY

- Needing simplicity of access
- To be easy to use + credibility
- For integrity of for the Māori Land Service

A SOLID PLATFORM OF DATA

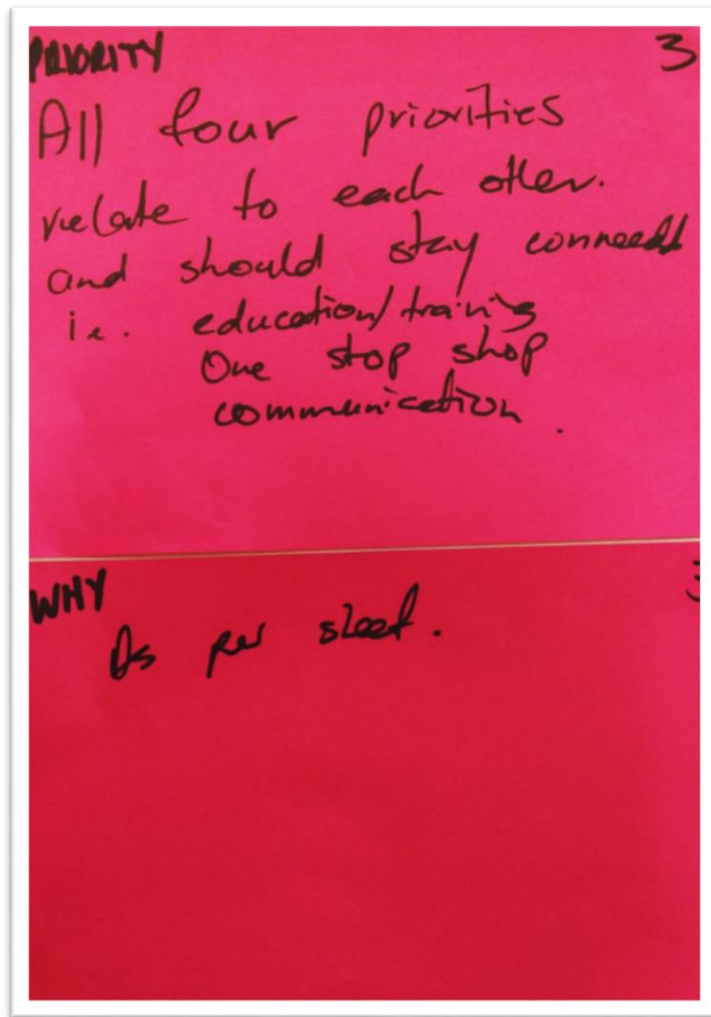
Our priority is an underlying system and database that is a solid platform of data, that can be upgraded constantly. It can be developed with security of information and adequate on-going funding, and is not set up to fail.

We need a functional team with good institutional knowledge and a close relationship with the technical people that run the back end.

There is a need for simplicity of access, easy to use and provides integrity and credibility.

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ONE-STOP SHOP

We focused on as a land owner what would be best for us?

Our priorities are all connected:

- One-stop shop
- Education and training
- Communication and online accessibility
- Succession

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FUNDING

Need to provide funding or access to funding to pay for Māori Land Service to develop our land. Because this is a Māori issue for Māori land rights now, we need to break down the cost barriers.

Māori Land Service needs to support land owners to make decisions about their land. It is important to educate our people about how we use that land, increase knowledge about land and increase options of what is possible.

PRIORITY (4)

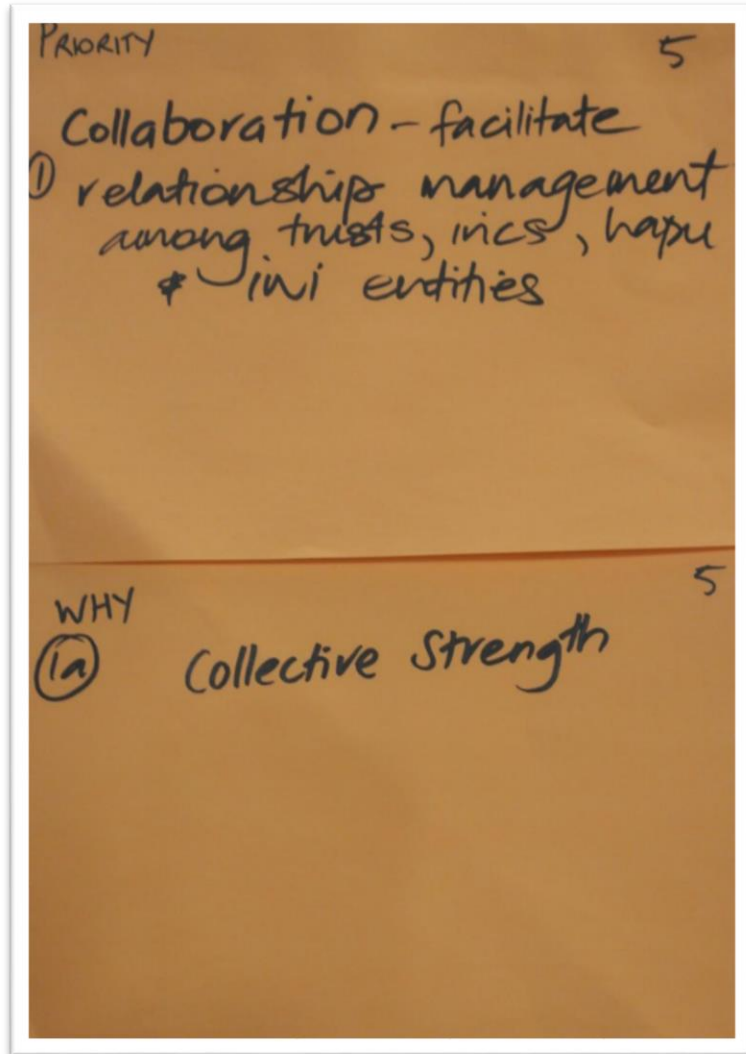
- (1) Need to provide funding or access to funding to pay for Māori Land Service to develop land.
- (2) Māori Land Service needs to support land owners to make decisions on their land & develop their land.

WHY (4)

- (1) Because this is a Māori issue for Māori land rights now & it breaks down cost barriers.
- (2) Important to educate our people on how to use the land.
Increasing knowledge on land options.

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COLLECTIVE STRENGTH

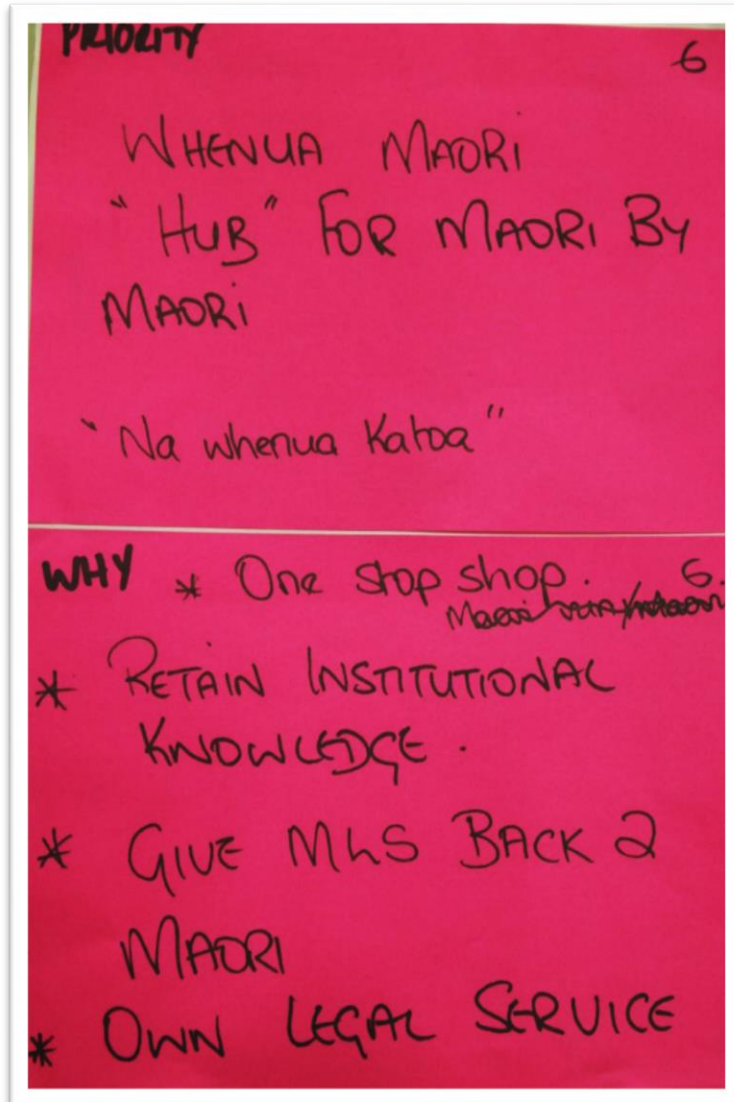
Our priority is for the Māori Land Service to facilitate collaboration among all the trusts, incorporations, hapū and iwi entities.

Grow our own capacity and capability so we can deliver these services to our own hapū instead of having a government agency do it.

The new land register should not just be a registry but should facilitate the collection of information and data to support informed decision making about our land. This should result in driving our community, so we are using the land to benefit each other.

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A WHENUA MĀORI HUB

Our priority is to provide a whenua Māori hub for Māori by Māori where all the services are brought together.

Give the Māori Land Court back to Māori.

This restructuring of Māori Land Court risks losing institutional knowledge.

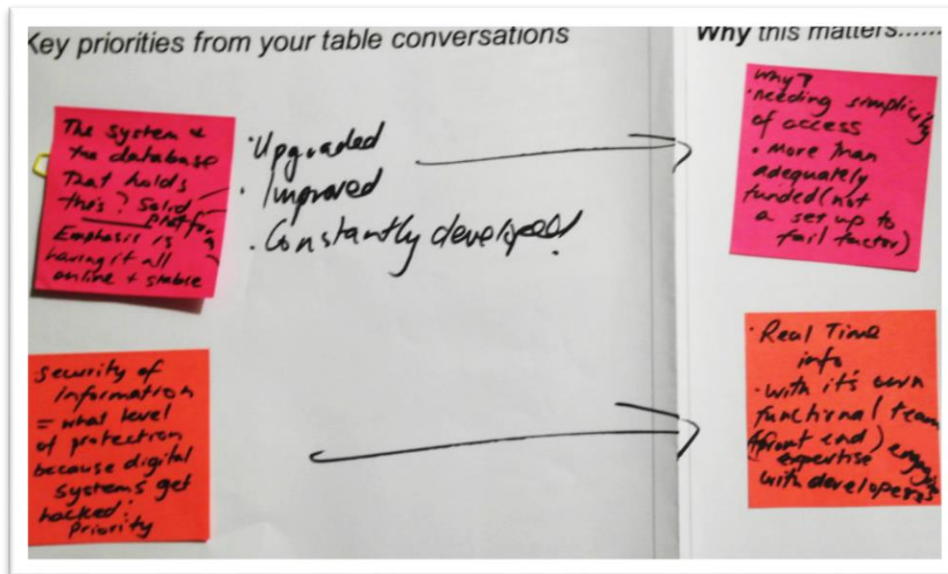
Retain institutional knowledge.
Set up own legal service.

Na whenua katoa

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MODERNISE THE WAY WE WORK - AND WE NEED TO INCOPORATE IT



One of the questions we didn't ask was if we were in favour of restructuring the Māori Land Court or this proposed new Māori Land Services.

The MLS proposal may work but we need to modernise the way we work and we need to incorporate IT. We need to accept that IT is around and we cannot make it a barrier for those who perhaps are not IT au fait.

This proposed service may better our pathway to what we are trying to find through the Māori Land Court. Māori Land Court doesn't have all the answers and there are a lot of silos of information that we need to bring under one roof.

Should we remain with the Justice department or take it to another department?