

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Tauranga

Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

7 October 2016

38 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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E moko

This is what I want you to know and feel about our whenua...

In Fifty years. From now.
you will be shown this
letter. And I want to tell
you. about the whenua
you. whakapapa to. Love
your whenua as much as
you. can. without whenua.
you are very. poor with the
whenua. Give someone
Special GANPA.

E. moko

This is what I want you to know and feel about our whenua...

I HAD OUR GRAVE AT THE POTOMAC
LIVED & DIED FOR OUR WINE/WE.
MY FATHER DID THE SAME.
I HAVE TRIED TO DO THE SAME
WITH OUR WINE/WE. I HOPE YOU
WILL DO THE SAME. WITHOUT LASS
YOU ~~BECOME~~ HAVE NOTHING.
SO LOOK AFTER & PROTECT
YOUR WINE/WE.

Poppy Kivitska

E moko

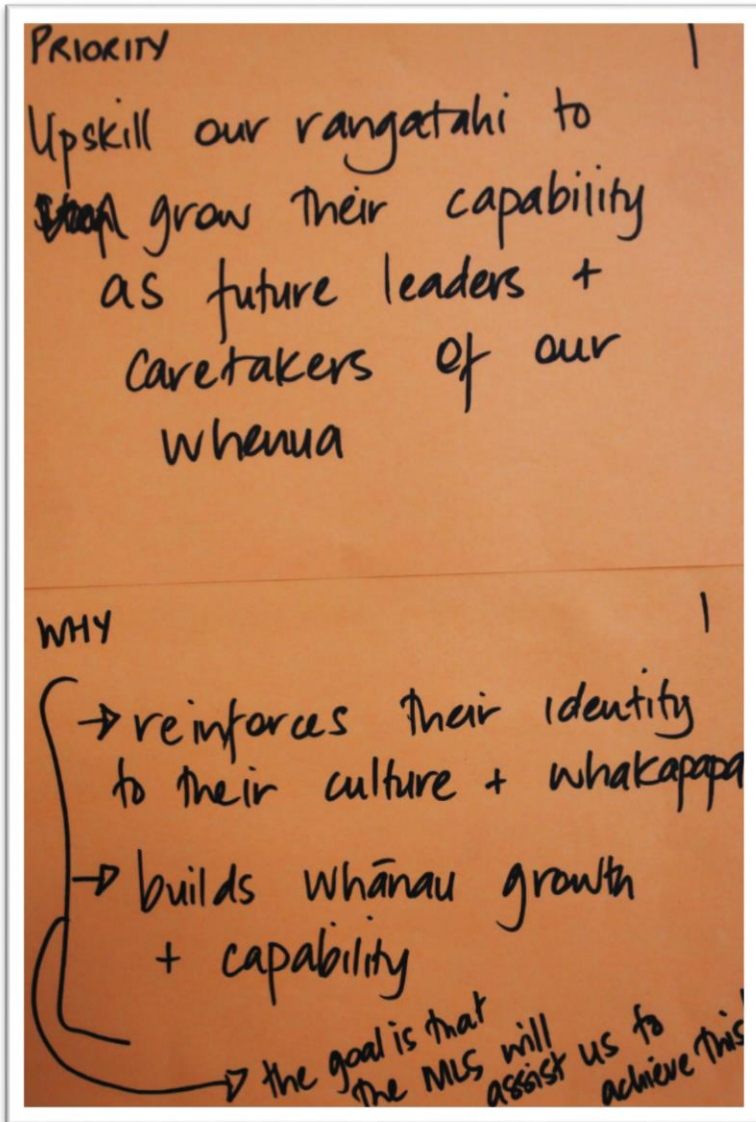
This is what I want you to know and feel about our whenua...

YOUR ~~SELF~~ TIPUNA FOUGHT &
DIED TO PROTECT YOUR
WHENUA SO THAT IN
YOUR TIME YOU WOULD
ALWAYS HAVE A LIVING
CONNECTION TO PAPATUANUKU.
YOUR JOB IS TO PRESERVE
THAT CONNECTION FOR
YOUR MOKOPUNA.

Must retain
cultural own
to the law
→ reinforce
identity

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Key insights from wānanga tables (written and oral)



UPSKILL OUR RANGATAHI

Upskill our rangatahi to grow their capability as future leaders and caretakers of our whenua.

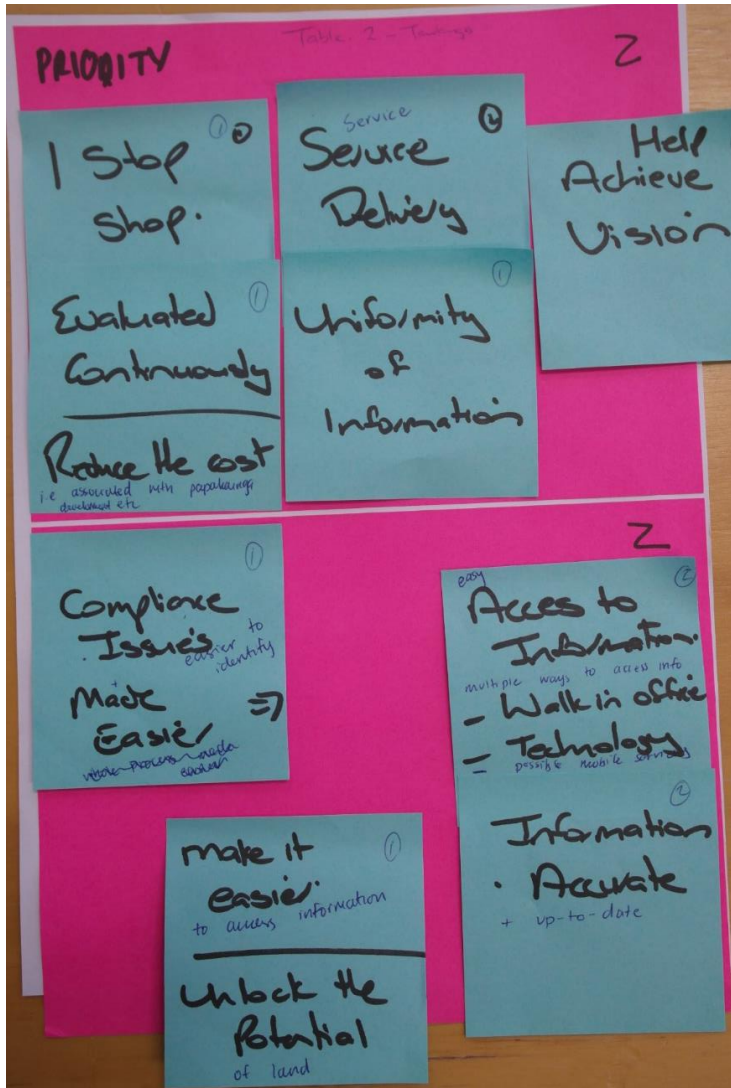
Whenua reinforces their identity to their culture and whakapapa, and builds whānau growth and capability. The goal is that MLS should assist in achieving this!

MLS needs to be owned and accountable to Māori, not a government agency.

The services should be funded by government to waken the sleeping giant of Māori land, this will contribute to the whole NZ economy.

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A ONE STOP SHOP

A one stop shop merging services together - there are a lot of different agencies we need to negotiate with.

Our priority is for a OneStop Shop:

- To unlock the potential of the land
- To make it easier to identify compliance issues
- Provide continuity and consistency
- To help achieve our vision for whenua
- It will be a great thing to go to one place to realise our vision.

A One Stop Shop should:

- Reduce costs
- Make it easier to access information and provide multiple ways to access that information utilising technology and mobile services
- Ensure data and information is accurate and up to date.

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PRIORITY	3
1. Updating owners & their addresses Land Register	
2. In depth trustee training	
3. Dealing with different organisations	
WHY	3
1. Ability to contact owners for meetings	
2. Clearer understanding of their key responsibilities - Trust order / charter Chairperson / secretary / treasurer	
3. A more seamless timely outcome	

SEAMLESS AND TIMELY OUTCOMES

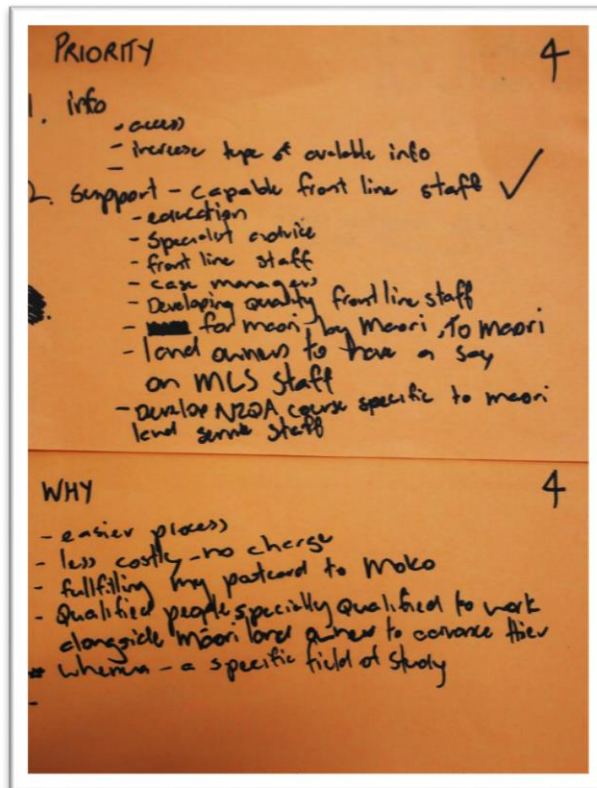
Uploading owners and their addresses on an online register that is accessible to the public so whānau can contact owners for meetings and we can share information.

In depth trustee training is needed to give trustees a clearer understanding of their trustee responsibilities, breaking down their trust order and educating the trustees. Make sure Marae charter is understood and the specific duties of the committees are understood.

Dealing with different organisations - Māori trustee, councils - we keep coming up against brick walls. We need help to deal with this so we have a more seamless and timely outcome.

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INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Information: making it easier to access information for people - online registers and physical presence for the older generation in the communities.

Increasing the type of information that is available – we do have a register of sort but it is not always up to date.

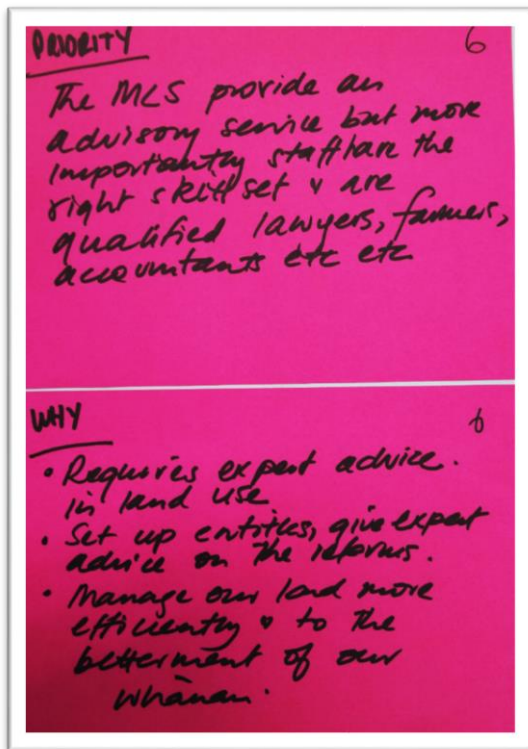
Support: Support for people who have no knowledge and who need specialist advice with complex issues. People in the organisation need a good understanding of succession, where to look and when the case is complex there needs to be specialist training so staff can respond to new issues. NZQA course for MLS staff to get specific skills.

Loans for Māori landowners - whenua trust.

Whakapapa records: the community has detailed knowledge of whakapapa connections between the people - MLS needs to support ways to get the information that connects to our whenua.

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SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

That the MLS provide an advisory service and more importantly that staff have the right skill sets - qualified lawyers, farmers, accountants etc.

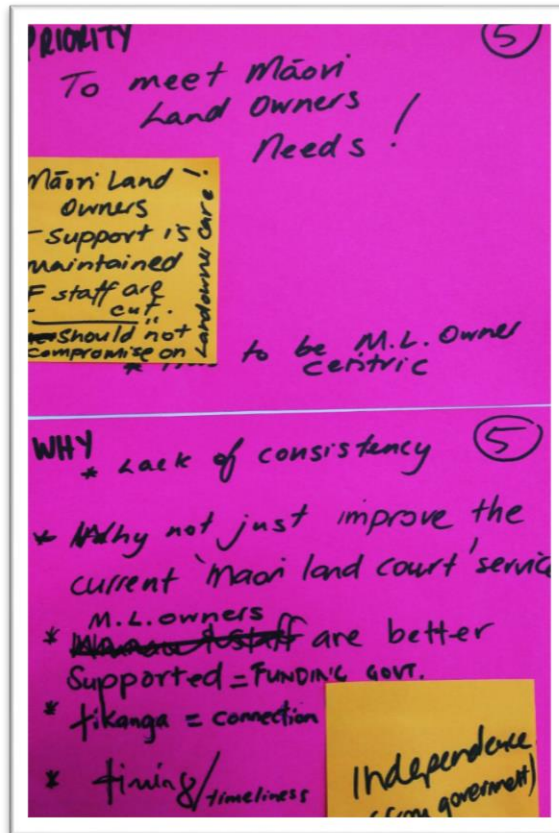
We need expert advice on:

- land use
- setting up entities
- reforms to the Bill

We want to manage our land more efficiently and for the betterment of the whānau.

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MEET THE LAND OWNERS' NEEDS!

Our priority is that MLS meets the land owners' needs! And have Māori land owners at the centre of its whakaaro. Why? There has to be consistency in delivering that priority, starting with where things are at the moment - there are a lot of good things now, improving the service includes timeliness and getting services done faster (successions).

Kaupapa Māori framework has to be the core value of the services, there needs to be a real understanding of a Māori framework, following tikanga.

Funding for the service, without appropriate funding we cannot deliver the outcomes we desire.

The transition period - how will the service be provided in the transition phase? There cannot be compromised care and support.

The MLS needs to be independent from government. If the service becomes too bureaucratic it will not be able to deliver those services.