

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Tikitiki Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

1 October 2016

22 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.”

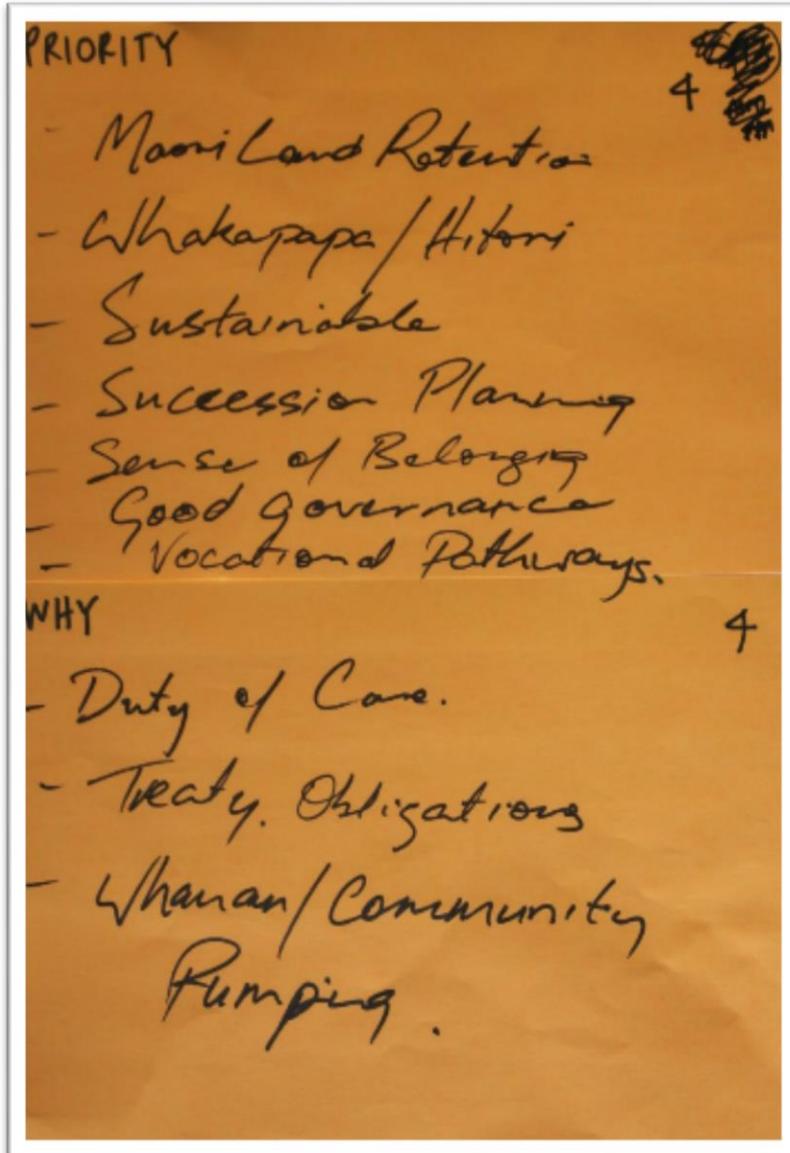
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Tikitiki – Wānanga tables



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A SET OF PRIORITIES

New MLS should sit not just under Justice but with the Minister of Māori Affairs.

Our priorities are:

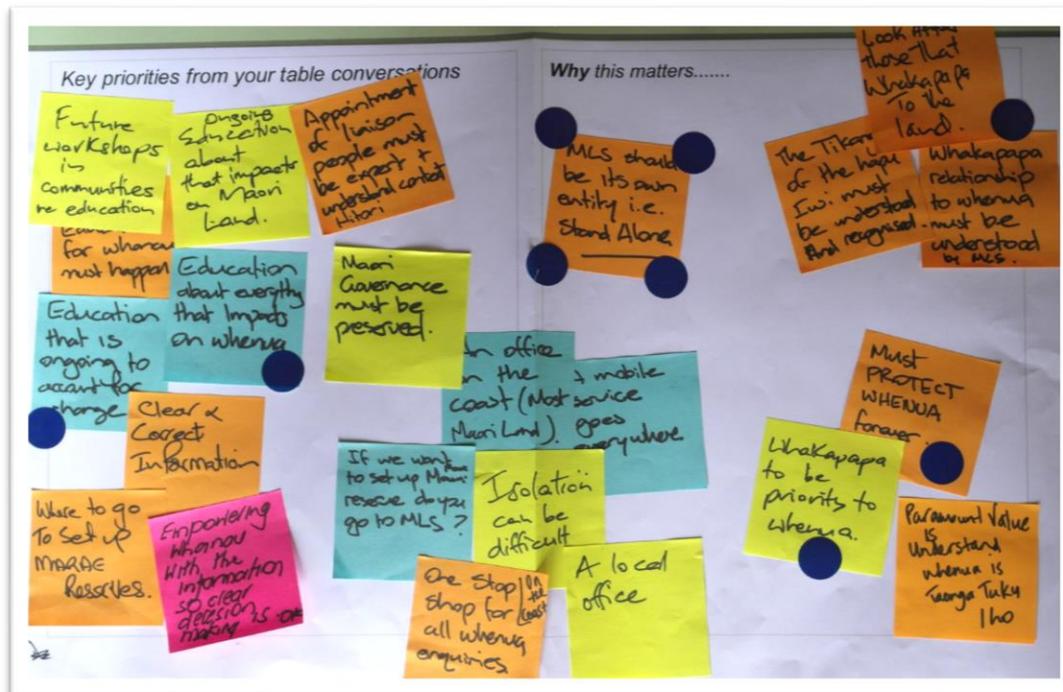
- **Māori land retention**
- **Whakapapa history** – recognise the Māori Land court as the repository of our history and records
- **Sustainable farming practices**
- **Succession planning** – including showing the opportunities for young people and vocation pathways into opportunities in primary industries. It's a 20 year apprenticeship to become a farm manager
- **Sense of belonging** - our Mokopuna grow up with a sense of belonging to the land and in their time will take over some of those important roles
- **Good governance** - We need to ensure we are governing our land blocks as well as we can
- **Duty of care** - The Crown has a duty of care to support the new MLS, there are some treaty obligations and we want to see our whānau and communities pumping.

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RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR LAND AS TAONGA TUKU IHO

Recognition of the importance of our land as taonga tuku iho, not a commodity



Education

Workshops so whānau are making good, informed decisions and have good governance for the land.

Accessibility of the service

A well resourced one stop shop in our front yard, and mobility to go to the valleys and gullies where there is no governance over the land so people can be informed prior to someone wanting to steal or govern their land.

Out of everything, what matters most? This will be a **stand alone department staffed by experts in Māori land management**. We want the crown to show us that they mean it, that they understand the importance of Māori land. If you want our whenua and believe that governing it is a good thing, demonstrate this with a budget and a stand alone entity.

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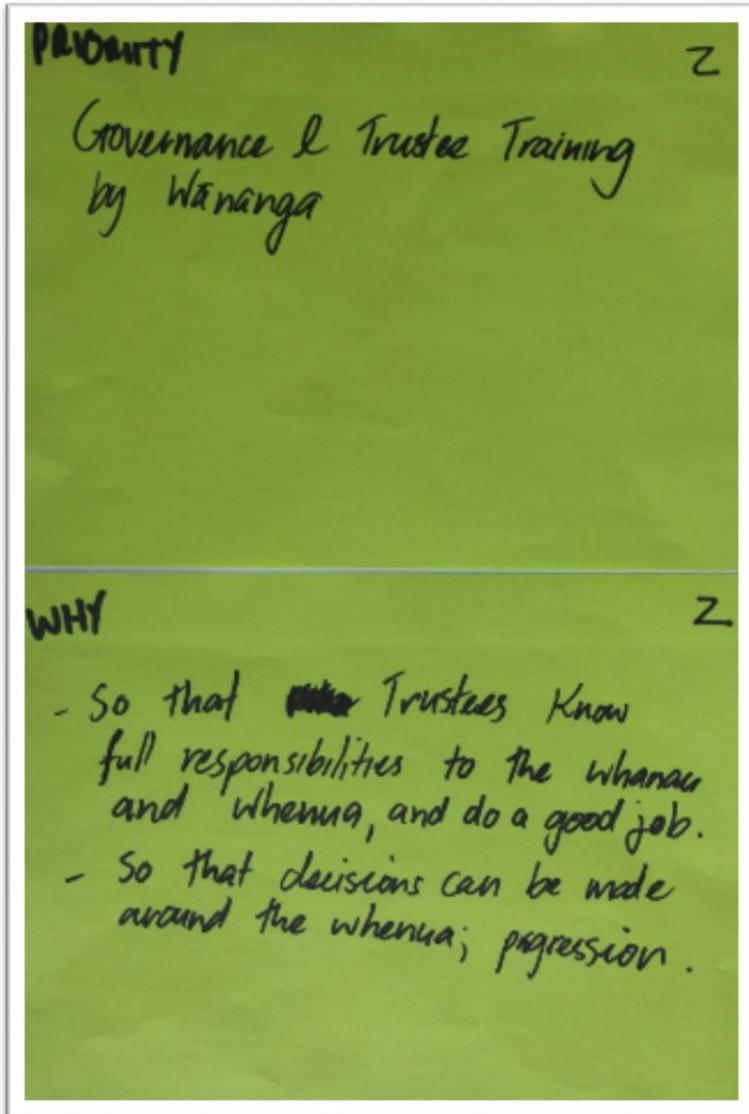
GOVERNANCE AND TRAINING OF OUR TRUSTEES AND WHĀNAU

Amongst our group of mixed generations we came up with three priorities.

1. Governance and training of our trustees and whānau via wānanga - teaching ourselves to be responsible trustees and able to fulfill kaitiaki roles
2. Having Whānau on their lands working and living on their whenua
3. Ability to access experts so decisions can be made.

Ensure that we can have faith and trust in this service and that we can have whenua working for us in the future and that the mokopuna can have the same thing.

Easy access to the one-stop shop, everything in one place, easy access and timeliness so whānau can move forward and develop their land. A free service, we already pay a lot of money for everything to do with whenua and we need to be able to access services without cost.



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THAT WE ARE RESOURCED AS NGĀTI POROU WHANAU LAND BLOCKS

That we are resourced as opposed to an entity or crown department, as Ngāti Porou whānau land blocks, hapū and iwi to do it ourselves.

Expel the Māori trustee from Tairāwhiti because we want to empower ourselves to do it ourselves, we don't need those institutions any more. We need to be going forward. We need to be self-sustaining. We don't just want to look at retention but buy back and the return of anything that is outstanding that has been taken from us, we want thriving ecosystems, we want thriving whānau.

Customary title and collective rights of takutai – let's follow suit with our lands.

It reconnects us, empowering us to do this ourselves, builds our capacity to be self-sustaining so we are not dependent on others, on the state. When we are self-sustaining we have key people within our whānau and hapū within our communities to help us do our planning and management and be a conduit to the outside.

Advocates - people who can speak on our behalf. We work more efficiently as whānau and we are more reconnected. We are training ourselves in GIS mapping of our land blocks, accountancy skills, restoration. We are empowered and no longer dependent: we plan, we manage, we govern, we work together and live better together for our collective good.

We want the resource that is going to the service to come to us so we can create our own solutions.

