

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

# Key Insights – Wellington

## Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

**29 September 2016**

**49 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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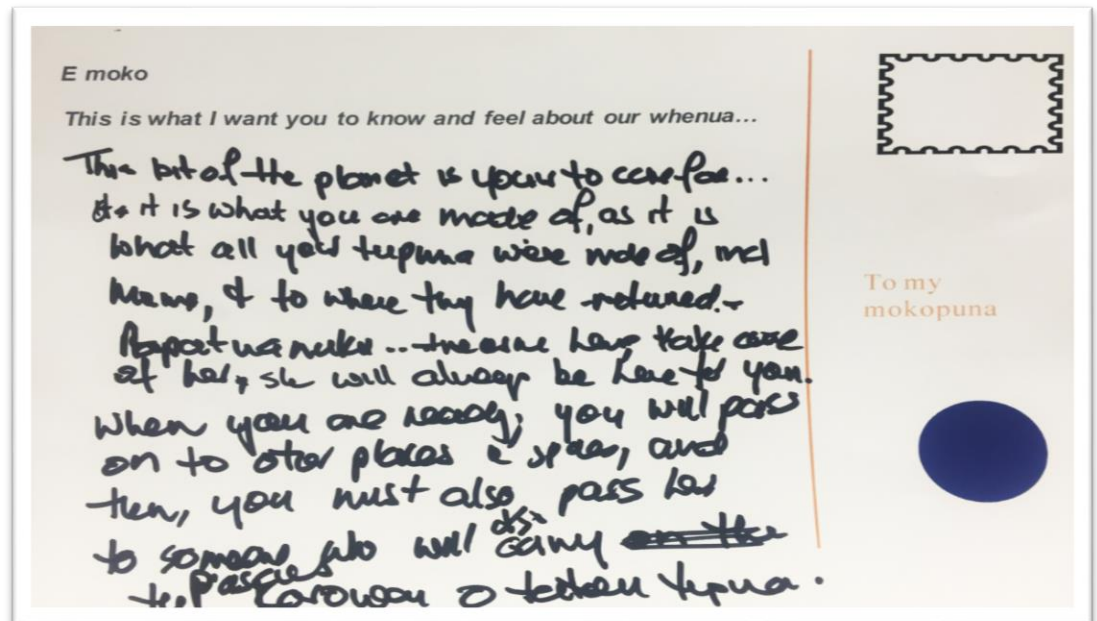
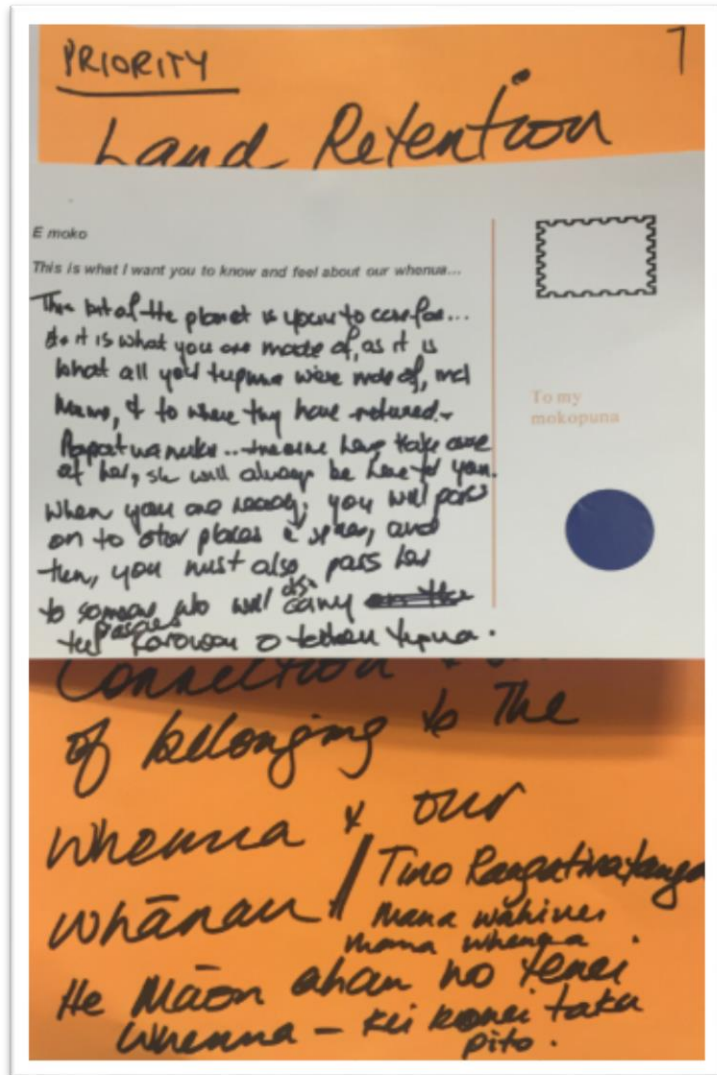
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## LAND RETENTION

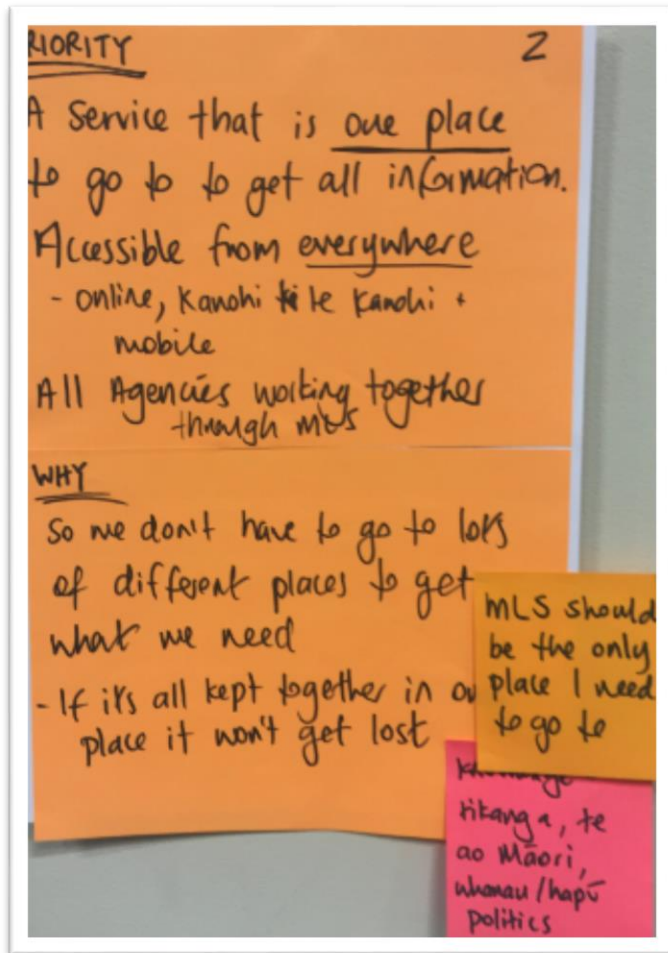
Land retention, protection and belonging to whenua. Facilitation by knowledgeable experts that can guide us along the process and help us with the land. Professional business experts that can get us there and open doors for us for what we want to do.

- Whenua and our whānau
- Tino Rangatiratanga
- Mana Wahine
- Mana Whenua

He Māori ahau no tenei whenua – kei konei taku pito



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## ONE PLACE TO GO FOR ALL INFORMATION TO DO WITH WHENUA

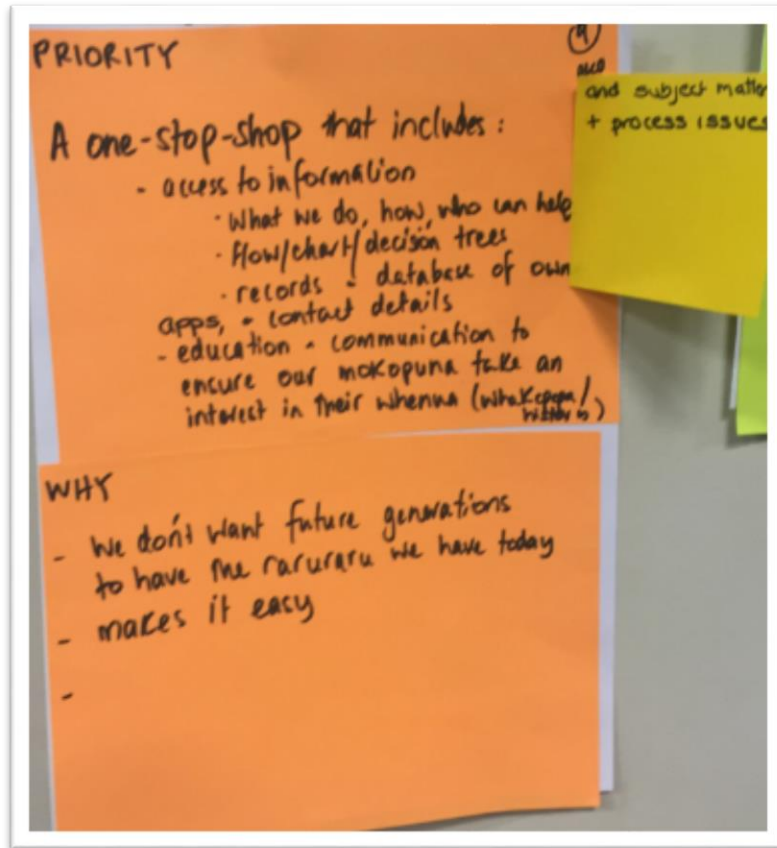
Online and mobile, accessible from anywhere online, kānohi ki te kānohi and mobile.

All agencies working together through MLS so we don't have to go to lots of different places.

If all the information is kept together in one place it won't get lost.

MLS should be the only place we need to go.

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## A ONE STOP SHOP

We picked succession as our kaupapa:

- Access to information - subject matter and processes
- People who can take us on a journey
- Can we put up some succession flow charts and identify the places you are likely to fall over?
- A lot of information is created through the succession process, it would be good to capture the owner information and give it back to the trust it identifies with
- We talked about communication and education. Can there be a centralised website of all events coming up?
- Education to ensure our mokopuna take an interest in the whenua
- We don't want future generations to have the raruraru we have today, make it easy

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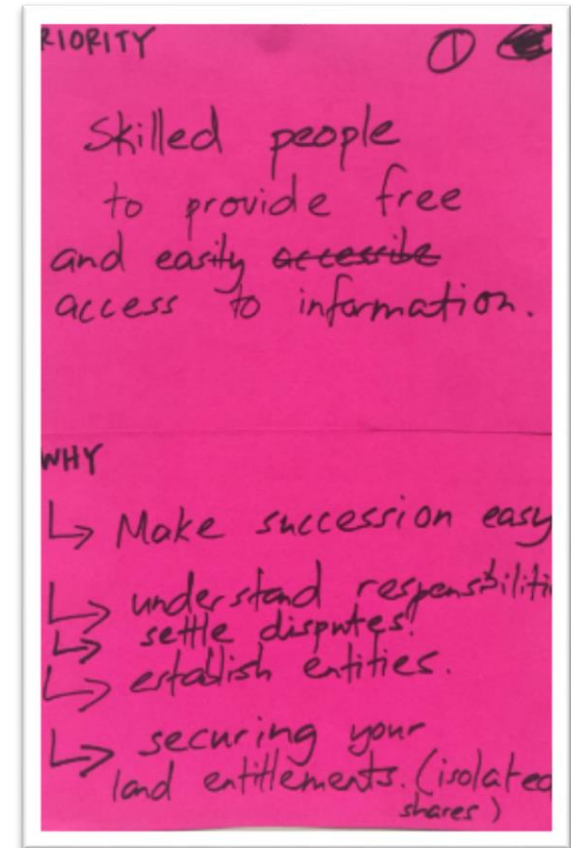
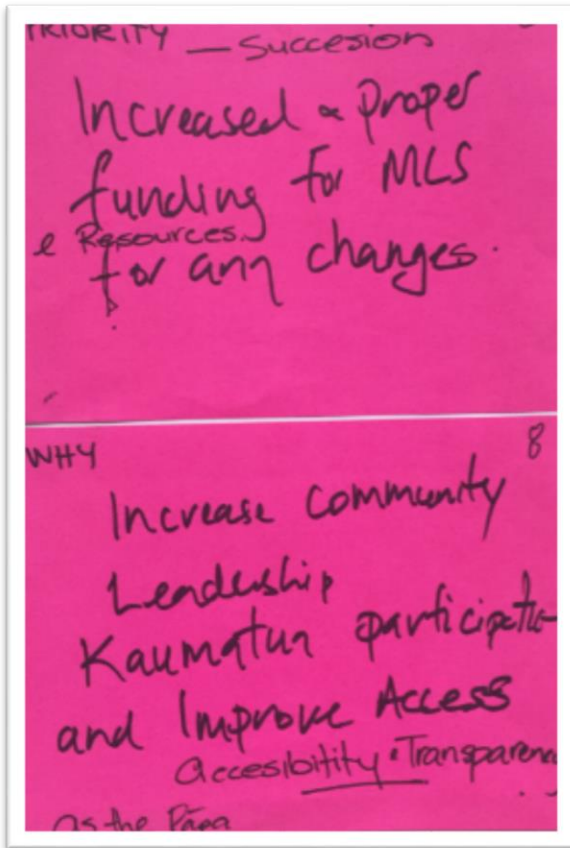
## SUCCESSION

Increase resources and fund the MLS for any changes. We believe it should be community led, bottom up, include community leadership and Kaumātua, participation, and improve access and transparency.

## SKILLED PEOPLE

Skilled people to guide free and easy access to information – we need good information to make good decisions.

For Māori non-land owners, the process looks hard. We need a one stop shop to make it easy for us. A nice easy, one button click to understand responsibilities, settle disputes, establish entities, understand entitlements.



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## TAHA MĀORI

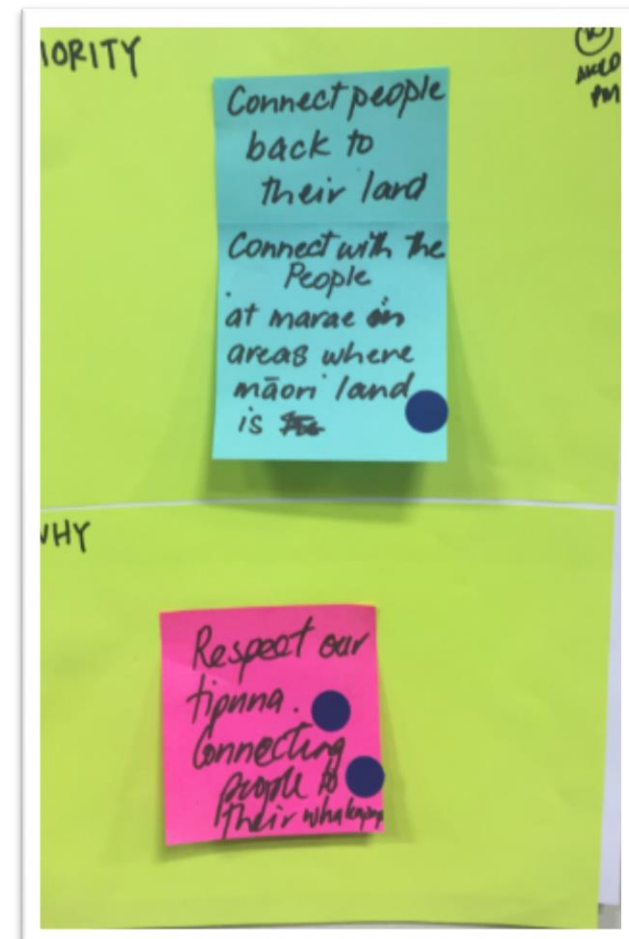
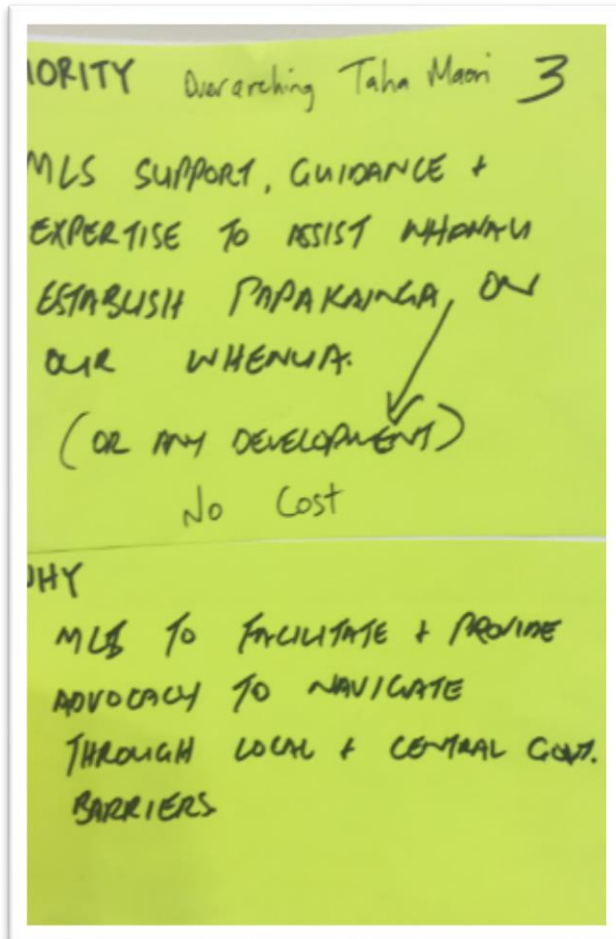
MLS to provide support guidance, expertise, specialists to assist us to develop our papakāinga and other development on our whenua. We want a facilitator to provide advocacy and to navigate through local and central government barriers.

MLS should be free. We only have 5% of land ownership but contribute \$2.7b to GDP. Land is worth \$8b.

## CONNECTION

Connect people back to their land. Connect with people at marae in areas where Māori land is.

Respect our tupuna. Reconnect them to their people and to their whakapapa.



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## A DIGITAL INFORMATION HIGHWAY

Keep access to Māori Land Court records for whakapapa.

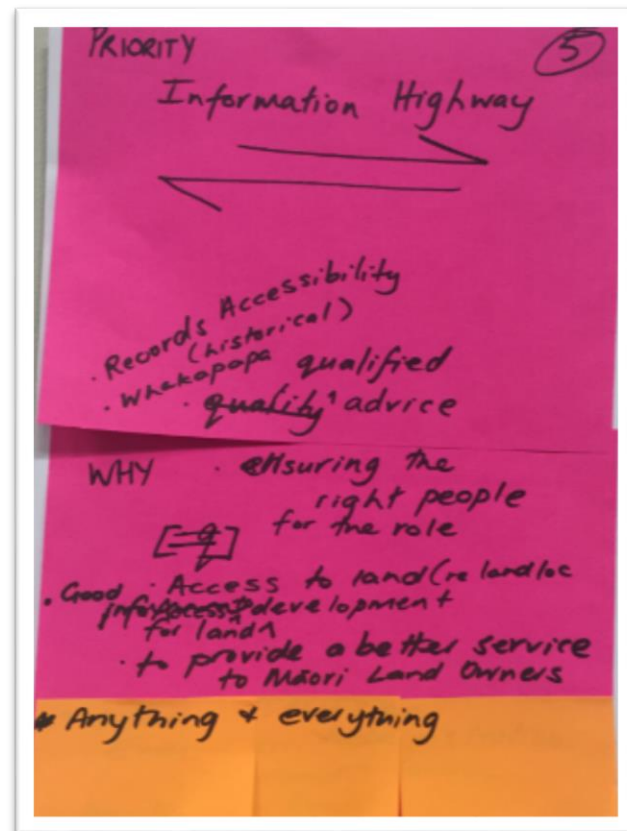
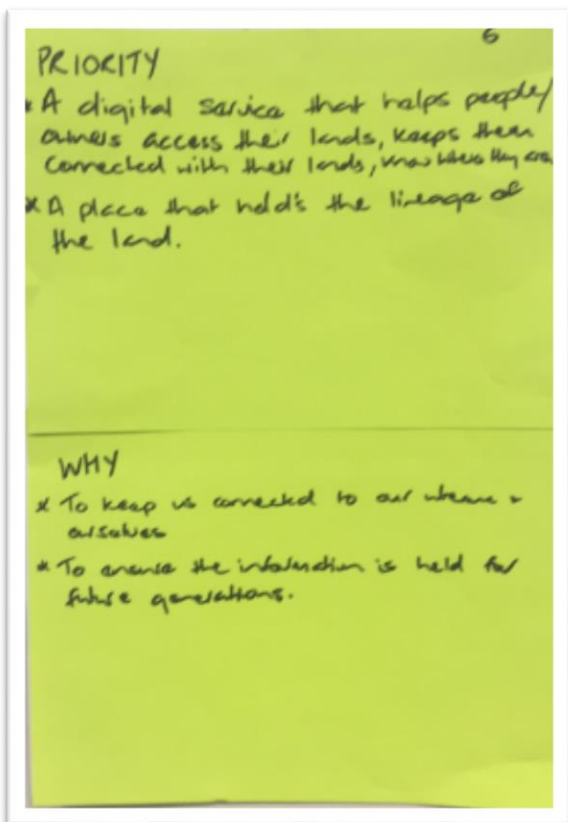
Give our people the financial resources to manage the whenua.

Professional help and expertise – as long as it doesn't cost because our whānau are struggling with cost.

## DIGITAL SERVICES

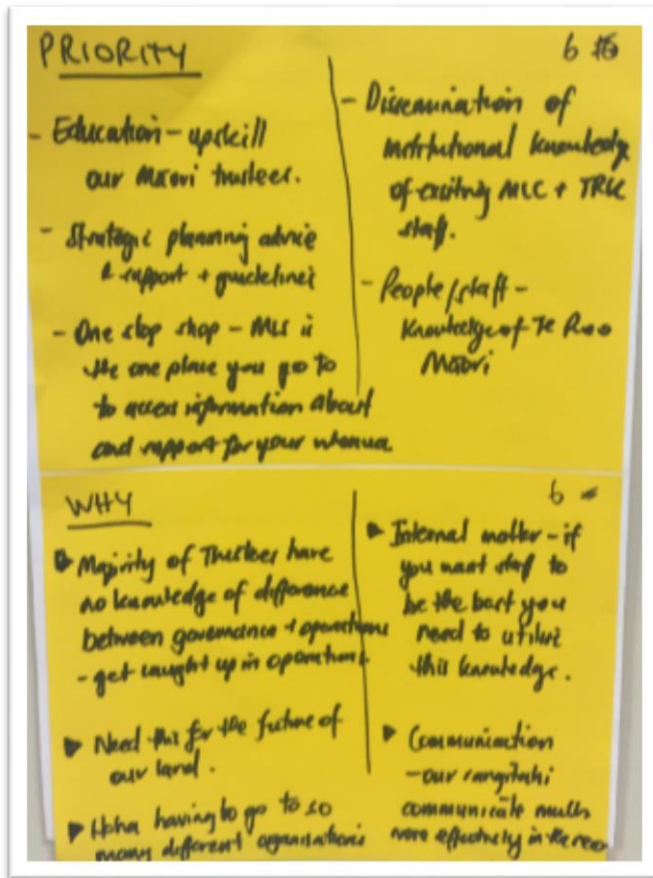
Digital services that help Māori connect with our lands. A place that holds the lineage of the lands.

To keep us connected to our whenua and ourselves, and to ensure that information is held for future generations





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## STRATEGIC GUIDELINES

Strategic guidelines and planning for the future of our whenua and for when our current land owners pass on.

Education to upskill Māori trustees.

The importance of a one stop shop – MLS is the place you go to to access information and support for whenua.

Sharing and passing on institutional knowledge with the staff.

MLS staff need to know te reo Māori – particularly young researchers. Make sure knowledge is kept for future generations. Communication with our rangatahi.