Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Whangārei Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

12 October 2016 45 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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Whangārei – Wānanga

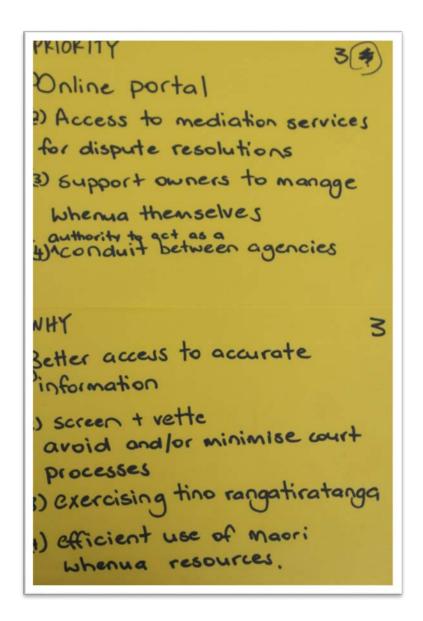








Key insights from wananga tables (written and oral)



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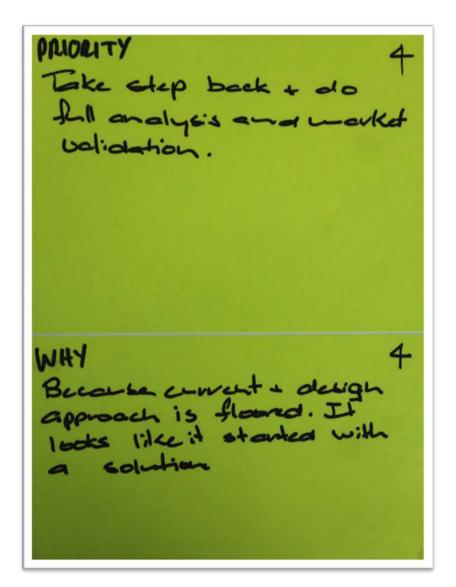
An online portal for better access to information for share holders.

Access to mediation services for dispute resolution to minimise cost.

Support owners to manage the whenua ourselves.

Authority for MLS to act as a conduit between agencies, with an emphasis on the authority of agencies not supporting MLS development.

Key insights from wananga tables (written and oral)



WE'RE NOT SURE WE NEED A MLS

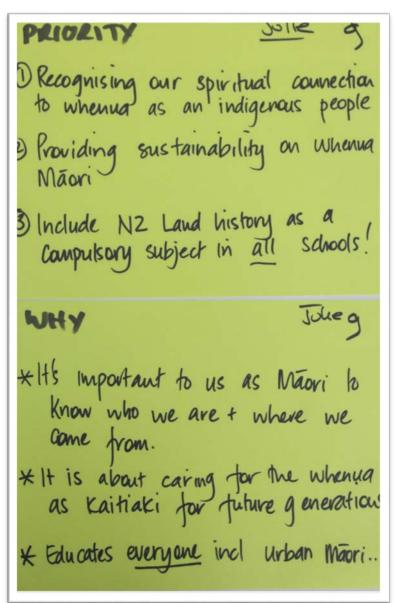
Before we design a new service we need to really understand where the gaps are with the MLC. Have we done the analysis and shared this analysis with land owners before building a new services?

There are operational performance issues with MLCtime delays, but these operational barriers do not need a change of legislation.

If MLS is going to be a better service it needs three things:

- Highly skilled people
- Better systems that support faster, simpler processing
- Resourcing to support people and systems.

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INCLUDE NEW ZEALAND LAND HISTORY IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Recognising our spritual connection to whenua as an indiginous people is important. It is our connection to whenua that defines us and sets us apart culturally.

Providing sustainability on whenua Māori is about caring for the whenua as kaitiaki for future generations. Older generations have provided for us and this teaches us what we should do for future generations.

Include New Zealand land history as curriculum in schools. Make Māori land history a school subject for Māori and non-Māori so everyone understands the Māori connection to land. This will prevent ignorance. It is a must and it is important to our culture and to our people.

Rangatahi (wāhine)

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A ONE STOP SHOP

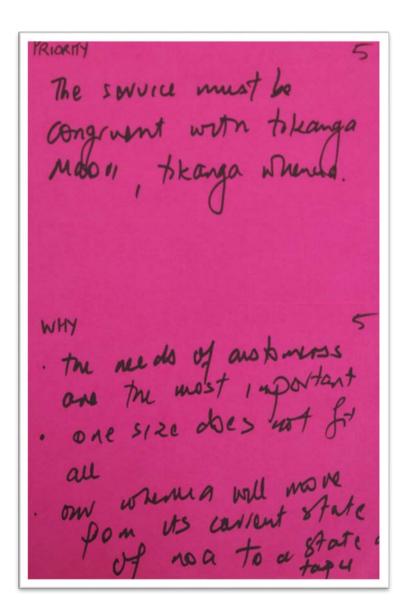
To have the same rights as every other New Zealander in terms of land rights and land use.

To have a one stop shop for land use to support sustainable growth and use of whenua.

Sort collective ownership for land use.

Simplify processes, reduce cost, reduce bureaucracy.

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ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

Services that might be provided by MLS should not limited

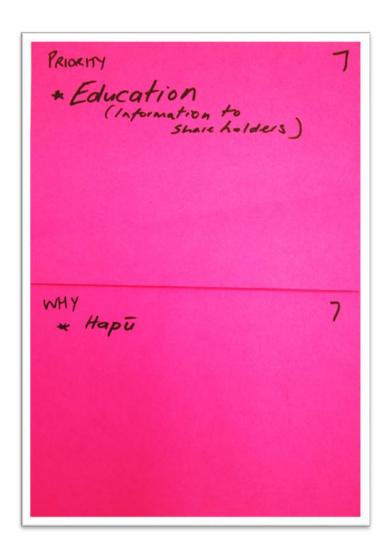
We fear you have come with a kaupapa that is set in stone

The kaupapa of MLS needs to be congruent with tikanga Māori and tikanga whenua.

The needs of our customers are the most important things and one size does not fit all. Some of our trusts and beneficiaries are doing well, while others are all fighting us/each other and are not functional.

Everyone is at different stages of development. Those who have their act together need to know how to trade overseas, and the role of MLS will be to help land owners get their act together. This requires a large variety of expertise, as the needs of one customer does not fit all, and the needs of the customer come first.

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EDUCATION

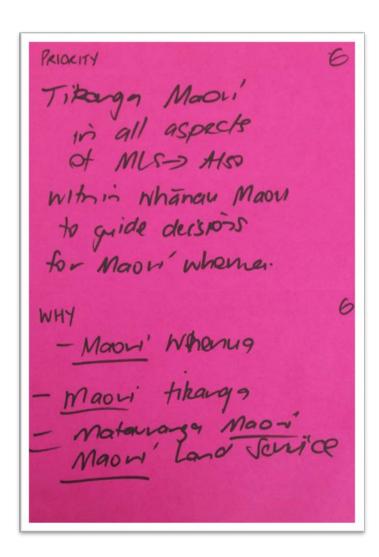
We have people sitting at the table with different views - our priority is education and that it goes back to our young ones.

We have too many old people on our trusts - we need the young ones, we need to plan for succession and we need education to do that.

We need to educate the shareholders too. We support the priority of people, systems and resources.

The service has to be designed around hapū. The role of share holders and land owners has only come about through colonisation. I can't put down all of my lands, they are all over the place, I need to come back to my hapū.

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TIKANGA MĀORI

There needs to be a strong recognition of tikanga Māori in all aspects of MLS, and also within whānau Māori to guide decisions for Māori whenua.

- Māori whenua
- Māori tikanga
- Mātauranga Māori