

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Hamilton

Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

3 October 2016

37 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.”

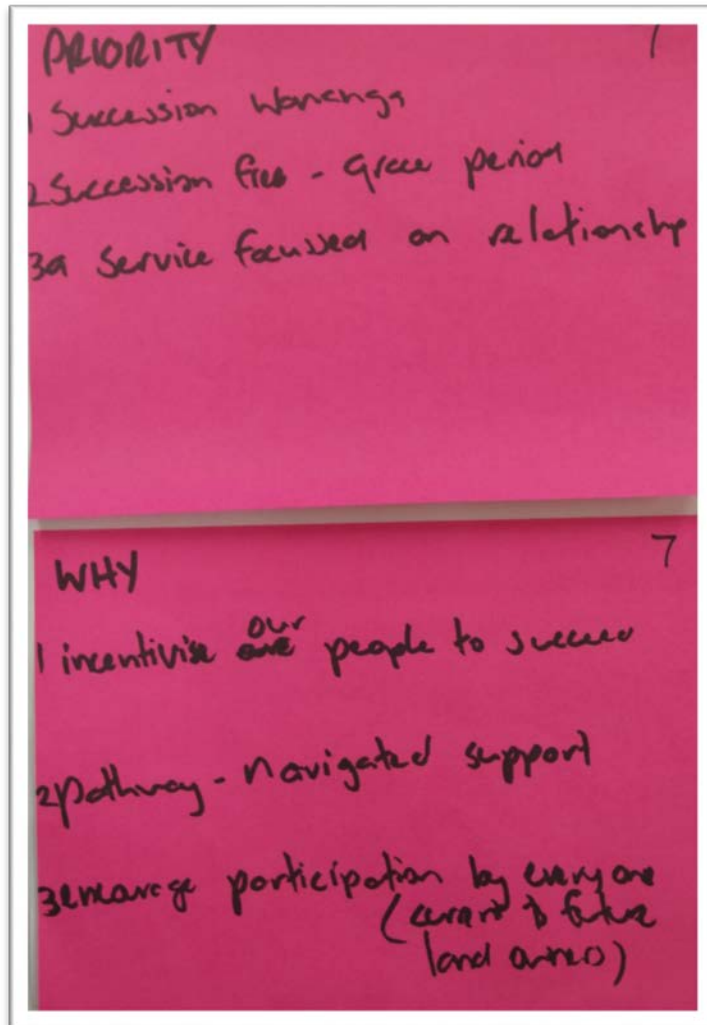
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A SERVICE FOCUSED ON RELATIONSHIPS

I am very unfamiliar with the processes of the land court, if this is an improvement there needs to be an improvement of the relationships.

To facilitate the relationship maybe we could do succession wānanga, on the marae, that way it can be a whānau experience. Also, whakapapa is based there as its the centre of our community, we can share a better understanding of the process.

For a grace period, succession will be free while the relationships improve and processes are improved and streamlined.

If we can do this we will all be better off.

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PRIORITY

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(1) One stop shop.

- One key point of contact in respect of Māori land.

(2) Wide range of delivery of services.

- online, face to face, regional offices, mobile services
- marae based, wā based etc - go to where our people are!

WHY

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- (1) You need to make it easy access. Especially for repeat service. Less risk of conflict of accuracy of information when held in one place. Creates a personal service. Efficiency!

- (2) Because we need the message of the availability of services out to landowners. Because we have a wide spectrum of ages of potential users of the services.

A ONE STOP SHOP SERVICE

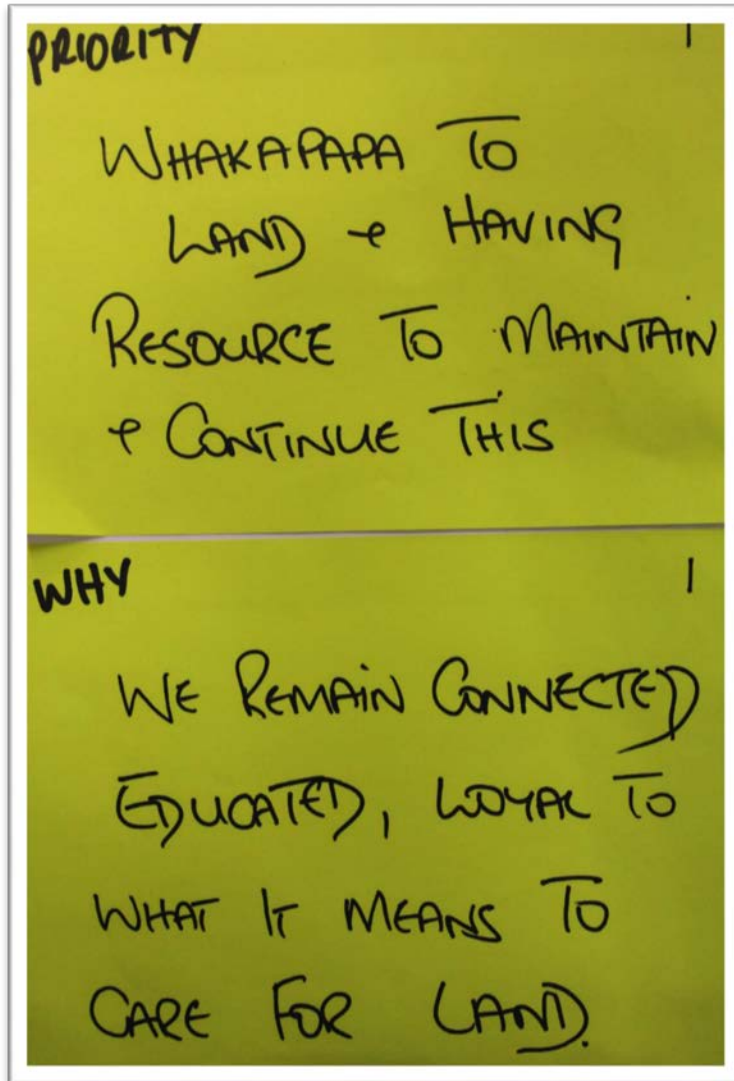
ONE KEY POINT OF CONTACT FOR MĀORI LAND

Rather than having to go to LINZ, Māori land court and/or TPK - all our people can go to one key place to get information. It has to be made accessible for repeat service, accurate information held in one place and a personal service for efficiency.

A wide range of service delivery to cater for the wide range of ages that access the service. Online for our young people, different for kaumātua face-to-face, regional offices, mobile services that get out to the regions, marae-based and wānanga. Wherever our people are they should be able to access MLS.

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WHAKAPAPA IS PARAMOUNT *AND THE PRIMARY FOCUS FOR MLS*

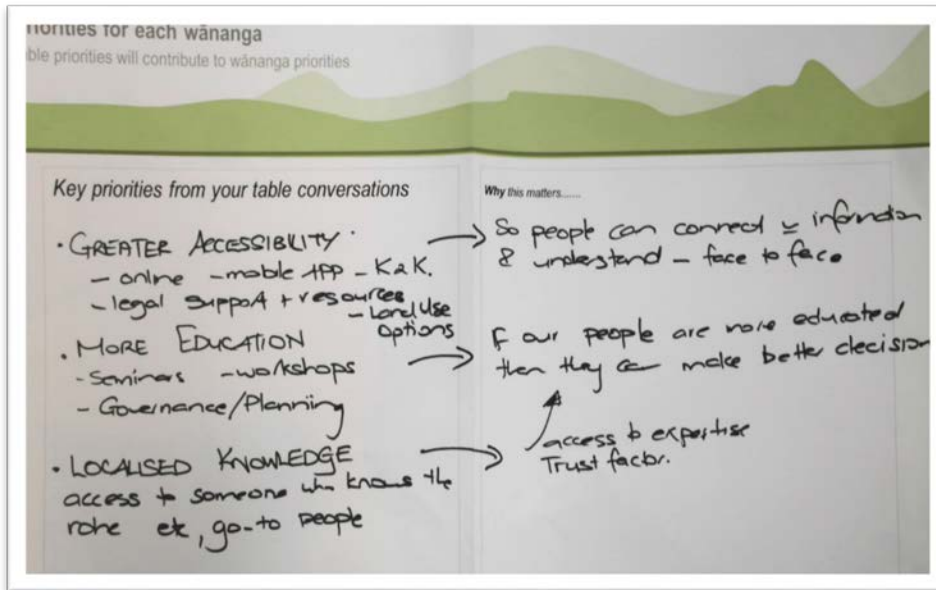
There is a narrative that where the land was usurped, whānau have had to fight through a Pākehā court to maintain our bloodline. This comes first. For the clarity to maintain security and continuity of land we refer to whakapapa - we need this path to ensure succession of our moko.

Underlying this, we need to educate our whānau coming through. Our history and connection is discontinuous, educating our younger people is important for them to be able to connect and look after land.

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Greater Accessibility Education Localised Knowledge



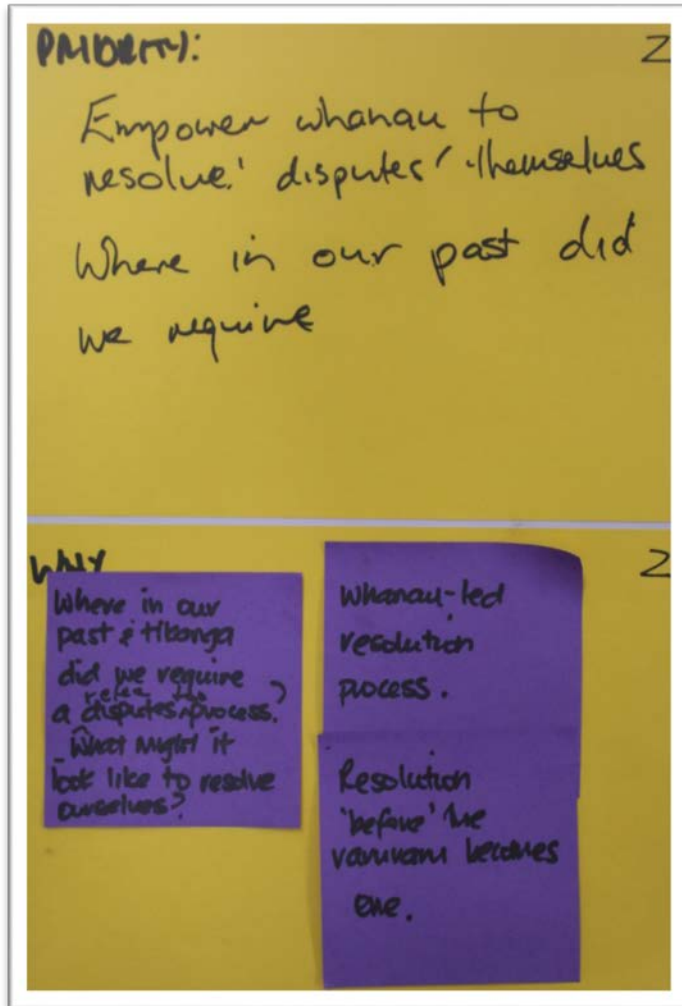
There needs to be greater accessibility to information, legal support, resources, professional and skilled people come out to test resources and soil, to inform governor decision making. We need expertise for the right kaupapa – law, resources, land-use options.

- workshops such as these so the kōrero can come together, leading to better governance and planning, and better governance decision making.

- The person providing advice needs to know the rohe you are taking about. The people who grew up there who have the information and expertise.

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WHĀNAU LED DISPUTE RESOLUTION

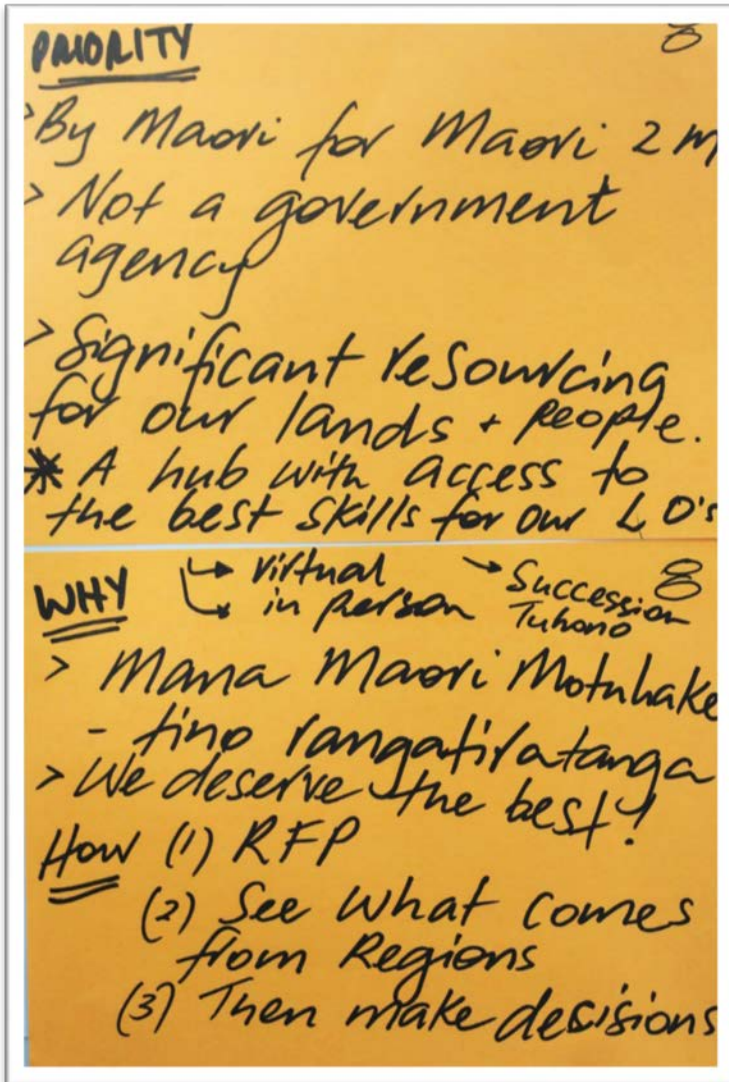
We focused on effective alternative to litigation to resolve disputes. We need to empower whānau to resolve the dispute themselves rather than getting a referee in the middle (Kaitakawaenga resolution).

In the Pākehā world of dispute resolution you pay a mediator to resolve disputes, we don't want a middle man, it doesn't help us grow as people, we don't go to direct dispute resolution often enough.

Most disputes are about the interpretation of the Te Ture Whenua Māori when trying to deal with their land. We need to recognise how we can resolve disputes ourselves and to recognise what disputes are likely to occur and resolve them before the raruraru becomes a raruraru.

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BY MĀORI, FOR MĀORI, TO MĀORI

Our main priority of any service must be **by Māori, for Māori, to Māori**, absolutely no government agency. Underpinning that is significant resourcing for our land and our people.

Our idea is a hub with access to the best skills for our land owners. We discussed a range of issues from resource consent to local government, it wasn't about the typical issues we deal with in the current Māori Land Court it was about a smorgasbord of issues that we have the people with the skills and the people we can access to give us the best.

Whatever the services are, we want the absolute best and we deserve the best. It will only be the best if it is by Māori, for Māori to Māori - Mana Māori Motuhake.

We are not here prescribing what other rohe should do in their rohe – the process should allow each rohe should be able to pitch how their services should be delivered to them.

We want a service that can grow with us, not something set in stone, something that can be redesigned.