

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

# Key Insights – Dunedin

## Wānanga proposed Māori Land Service

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**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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# DUNEDIN Wānanga venue



# DUNEDIN key insights from wānanga tables

No more than current costs - a free service.

PRIORITY  
 Free Services  
 no more than current cost.

WHY? "if there is a cost it becomes harder"

- affordability
- empowerment
- Accessibility
- Whānau centred
- land interests so small
- Public Good / catch up mode
- Whānau <sup>empowerment</sup> (lot of The & Ball us don't know)

Both face to face (kanohi ki te kanohi) and online services

PRIORITY  
 That the MLS provides both a face to face + online service that provides clear, simple + timely info, processes + advice through the best tools!

WHY?  
 "I can see you  
 I can smell you  
 I can touch you ..."

PRIORITY  
 Get succession correctly done with no one left out.

WHY  
 Because whenua is so important for identity + belonging.  
 If succession isn't right, nothing else is.

Succession that does not leave anyone out.

PRIORITY - Succession  
 A dedicated person in the whānau to manaaki the process. MLS to resource this position and provide a mentor to help guide the whānau through the ~~same~~ process.

WHY  
 A dedicated person is needed to progress ~~the~~ the whānau's needs - aspirations in relation to the land. If not experience is status quo remains a ~~lost~~ opportunities are lost for reconnection to the land

A dedicated person to address the whanau's needs and aspirations in relation to the land.

# DUNEDIN key insights from wānanga tables

## No more than current costs - a free service for my children to be empowered to keep on top of land issues, and it all being accessible to them.

The Ngai Tahu Law Centre has provided this service to us for a long time now and unless that can carry on, I can see that my children will suffer and be disadvantaged trying to keep on top of Māori land issues. Need to keep on experiencing the services that have already begun, it needs to keep the services free.

Service must remain whanau centred. Iwi, hapu, Rūnanga are all important, but whanau trying to sort out their land issues is what is most important.

***Any service that is created must prove itself that it has done everything in its power to get alongside whanau and make sure they are empowered to sort out their business.***

## Succession that does not leave anyone out

If MLS is implemented it needs to get succession done with no one left out. Because whenua is so important for identifying and belonging, if succession isn't right, nothing else is!

***I do not want my tamariki to have to go through the long painful experience I am going through.***

## A dedicated person to address the whanau's needs and aspirations in relation to the land.

Have a dedicated person in the whanau to manaaki the process and for the Māori Land Service to resource and support this position and provide that ongoing face, so you don't have to keep explaining where you are at, every time, the whole scenario. To help guide the whanau through this process.

***In my whanau, it is down to one or two of us so if we don't have this dedicated person that is supported and elected by the whanau and has that relationship with someone within the Māori Land Service then the status quo will remain and opportunities will be lost for reconnection to the whenua.***

## Both a face to face (kanohi ki te kanohi) and online service

If the Māori Land Service is implemented, it needs to provide both a face to face (kanohi ki te kanohi) and online service that provides clear, simple, timely info, processes and advice using the best tools.

There was a bit of a discussion at our table that we are in a highly technological age now, and whether there still a need for kanohi ki te kanohi.

***If you meet someone kanohi ki te kanohi, you can see them, you can smell them, and you can touch them. And what we mean by that is, that there are a lot of sensitive issues that come with Māori land and sometimes people won't open up or share those unless they know the people they are speaking with.***

So it is still quite important that there is that face to face engagement. And building on that, those that work in the Māori Land Service need to be people that already have expert knowledge in that area and may already be known to Māori Land owners.