

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Taupō

Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

23 September 2016

20 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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Taupō - Wānanga tables



Taupō

key insights from wānanga tables - written

ACCESSIBILITY TO ACCURATE & UP TO DATE INFORMATION

PRIORITY (2)

- ① Accessibility to accurate & up to date information & security around that.
- ② Minimal or free cost.

WHY

- ① So we know exactly what we need to do.
- ② Because right now there is a barrier.

Who is responsible for that information and who keeps it safe?

We won't need the MLC if we have accurate information and so it can all be done through MLC.

A ONE-STOP SHOP

PRIORITY (3)

ONE STOP SHOP ⇒ mobile

WHY

All FACILITIES IN ONE PLACE.
DON'T GET GIVEN RUN AROUND

Taupō

key insights from wānanga tables - written

AUTHORITY OVER WHENUA MATTERS

PRIORITY ②

M.L.S. to have more authority than Council over Whenua matters - to make it part

must have authority to back the Whānau

WHY

TO BE ON OUR SIDE (THE)

Knowledge
↓
overview of current matters

TRYING TO SAVE WHAT LITTLE IS LEFT

PROTECTION RETENTION

Someone who will help you work it out

ACCESSIBLE UP TO DATE INFORMATION

PRIORITY - Simplify process. ③
- one stop shop.

land information
business advice.

WHY

deal with one agency
everyone connects to agency
cater for whānau abroad
legal support
mananga support
funding support.

ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES

PRIORITY

ACCESSIBILITY -

- mobile services
- Kanohi ki te Kanohi
- marae-based

WHY

REACHING THE MOST AMOUNT OF PEOPLE

Taupō

Key insights from wānanga tables - oral

KEEP THE LANGUAGE SIMPLE

Keep it simple, keep the language simple. Move away from the jargon language that has perpetrated through all our meetings, our hui and decisions that have been made.

When we talk about succession we need to keep it simple, one way we can help that happen is to have a graphic pictorial representation. A picture speaks many words and languages.

Keep the language simple and give us a definition.

We need a database that shows everything. The database needs to be reviewed to correct all the spelling mistakes of our tupuna. It needs to be fixed up so the database is correct and true so we can find out all our interests at the same time. We don't have to go here, there and everywhere.

We need a navigator that can help us and kōrero Māori. That is needed for our kaumātua and kuia. When we use jargon language we all suffer and misinterpret the intent of the words being used and we apply it differently. Sometimes it is to be inward looking, rather than outward looking. We need to remove the blinkers and look ahead for our rangatahi. Our mokopuna are the ones that are going to pick up what we decide is good for our future. They will be the carriers of it and they will be the instigator. They will be the action men and women.

One person to do the job so we don't have to deal with many people.

Provide a tiered cost system. Make things a bit cheaper for our kaumātua. When we talk about consistency, there were kaumātua grants, but half of them have disappeared. Why? That is a question we didn't go into.

All that I have talked about is the proposal for a one stop shop. We have to travel from the rural areas to all the places outside here. It costs money and it has to come from our own pockets. To assist our people to go to one shop instead of being sent to there, there, there - all over the city. All facilities are in one place and we don't get the run around.



Taupō

Key insights from wānanga tables - oral

ACCESSIBILITY

We picked succession as our one topic. Our biggest priority was accessibility.

We want mobile services that are face to face and marae based for our elders so they can speak in a place of power. A place where they can talk about their succession so the successors can come know what to do.

If it is marae based it is reaching the most amount of people. The more knowledge that is out there, the more people that know, the better we can be.

A ONE STOP SHOP

Simplify the process by having a one stop shop.

We want to deal with one agency for funding support, business advice and land information. No more run around.

ACCESSIBLE UP TO DATE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SUCCESSION

In my experiences with whānau to succeed land, it can be a bit of a mine field. We need land information and business advice and to deal with one agency. The agency can cater for whānau abroad, provide legal support and funding support.

AUTHORITY OVER WHENUA MATTERS

The MLS needs to have more authority than the council over whenua matters.

The MLS must have authority to back whānau.

The MLS has to cut in, not favouring one or the other, but to help whānau move forward. Not all whānau walk the same road.

We must have an overview of current affairs. You have Te Tumu Paeroa, you have the Māori Council, where do all of these entities fit in with these Māori entities? How do we get Māori entities to work together?

We are trying to save what little is left - protection and retention.

My input is, we should take share options off Māori land. When you take the shares off Māori land, it immediately reverses itself back to the tide. We are all in this money game. When you put a financial entity on Māori land, you are coming up with whole lot of economic things that have been dividing our people for some time. When certain people walk in you know you have no chance because you know they have the dominant shares.

Someone who will help you out. If we are going to change the entity of the MLC, we need new legislation in parliament to give the new MLS teeth, because our whānau do not always agree. The new MLS will need legislation and authority to adjudicate.

