

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Te Kūiti

Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

4 October 2016

Attendees 27

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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Te Kuiti – Wānanga tables



Te Kuiti

Key insights from wānanga tables (written and oral)

Key priorities from your table conversations

- * ~~Retention~~ The land is critical
Retention
- * Environmental sustainability practices
- * Economic development - "on land"
PLANNING, FEASIB.
- * Mhs - design financial package
to lend Māori land entities
- replace current
banking criteria.
(i.e. ~~banking~~ Kāinga whenua
Māori Housing)

LAND RETENTION

TPK and MLC have provided most of this service to date and has provided great opportunities for land owners. We are in a moment of change and we need to see the opportunities. MLS needs to deliver the services we want and need.

For our rohe, land is the most important thing and should never be sold so **retention is the most important thing**. The MLS must ensure that land is not put at risk of being lost.

Environmental sustainability - Whatever we do with the land, it must be sustainable environmentally. MLS should have as part of their kaupapa that we look after the sustainability of the land.

Economic development - Services to develop Māori land should incorporate governance training, feasibility studies, identification of opportunities. We need advice to work through feasibility planning, investment planning and ensuring we have a way forward that will work.

Sometimes we can't find our owners. We need to make it possible for those who are engaged, trained, taking responsibility to move ahead with less than 50% engagement.

An MLS designed financial package - If you go to a bank manager they will want a mortgage over your whenua. We don't want that. We want MLS to design a loan package where land can be used to support your loan without putting your land at risk. It can be done. We're not just talking about economic development we're talking about papakāinga housing.

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PRIORITY

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Owners need to be able to have all the information needed to manage their whenua. like an up-to-date database and whakapapa that can be accessed.

* There is a process - whakapapa 5-10 generations back. -

WHY.

So that we have records that are correct.

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EDUCATION ON THE LEGISLATION

Our priorities were about education on the legislation - we all need to be aware of that.

A one stop shop that provides expert advice on land development.

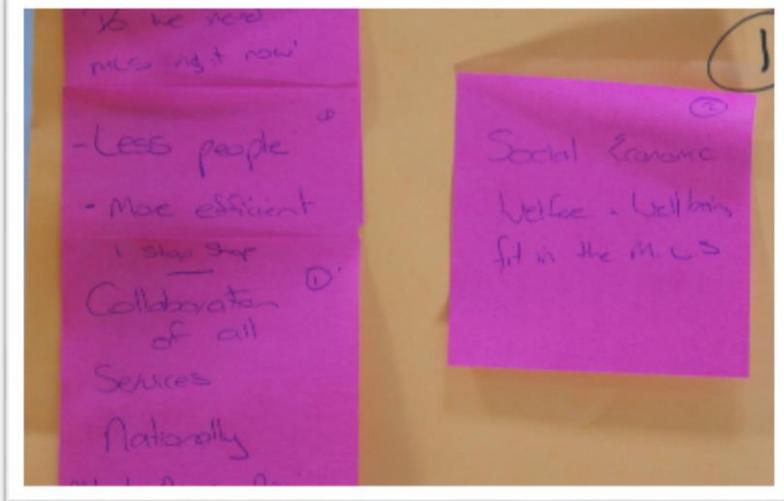
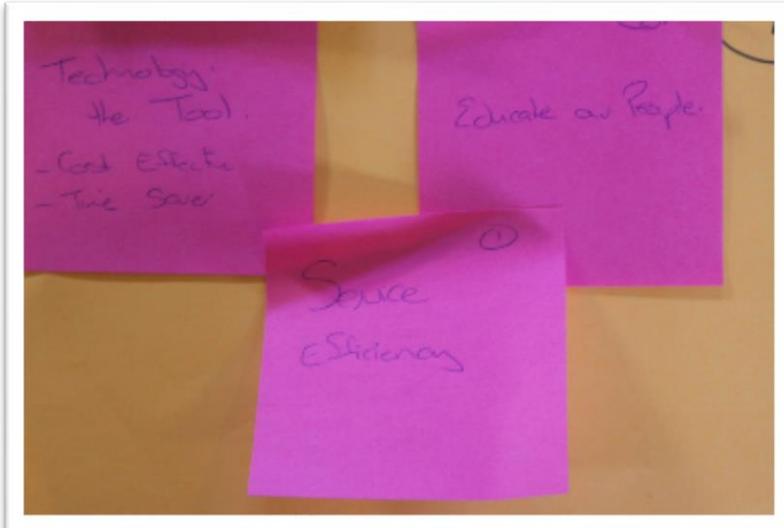
We need all the information to manage whenua up to date including the data base and whakapapa. They need to be accessible and managed. There needs to be a way to protect whakapapa like questions about a tupuna 10 generations back to see if they have that knowledge. We need correct records, access to records and protected records.

The land owner has to be able to retain their autonomy. MLS have to sell themselves to the land owners and say this is how we can help you, take it or leave it. Engaging with MLS will be a choice for land owners. It's all about autonomy.

Next steps: We want the people here today to come back to us to show how the ideas we have put forward today have been implemented to inform the service design, or changed. We can do all this mahi and it can be lost.

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EFFICIENCY AND TECHNOLOGY

Our first priority was to see if MLS is a priority for land owners. It is efficient? We have 10% of land but only 64% is usable- the taxpayer has to pay. Do we really need this service?

Land is a priority but the people on it are a bigger priority.

Technology needs to play a big part, we don't want hubs and regional offices all around the country, we need efficiency.

A technology system so whānau can access hapū and iwi records.

We can have a record of the skill sets people have.

We want collaboration between all services nationally.

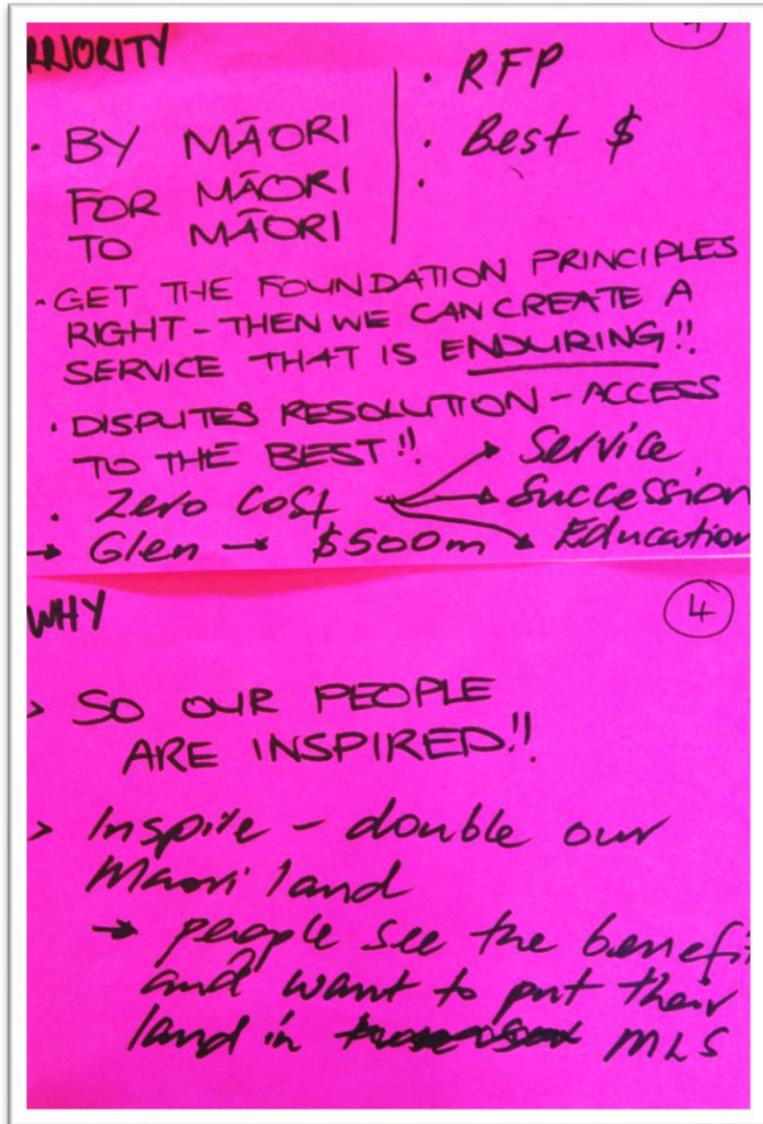
Less people and more efficient.

Social wellbeing and economic wellbeing all need to fit into the MLS. A lot of this is not about land it is about our people.

If we can't make this efficient we will create a big beast that our kids will have to pay for.

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BY MĀORI, FOR MĀORI, TO MĀORI

Get the foundation principles right and we can create a service that is enduring.

'Māku e hanga tōku nei whare, ko ngā pou o roto he māhoe, he pātate, he hīnau,' I will build my own house and the inner posts will be of māhoe, pātate and hīnau.'

We need to fashion a Māori house, not a government agency house. I have no fears of the cost because the framework we need is the framework we had. Someone came and took our house, the Crown has apologised for confiscation, fragmentation and the destruction of our ways of doing things. This is the cost for restoring our ways of doing things. This is a Māori Land Service by Māori, for Māori, to Māori. You shouldn't have a fear of a service if it's yours, it should be you providing your services on your land.

Let every hui determine the service that is appropriate to them. I want you to go out to the rohe and ask them what are the services that are right for them. We might say we don't want anyone other than us providing services to our land owners. **Our service, our people, our way.**

We need different ways to access the service to different generations.

People need to be inspired and be able to see the benefit so that they want to put their land into MLS.

By Māori, for Māori, to Māori - not another government agency.