

Wānanga mō Te Ratonga Whenua Māori

Key Insights – Whakatāne Wānanga on proposed Māori Land Service

8 October 2016

53 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.”

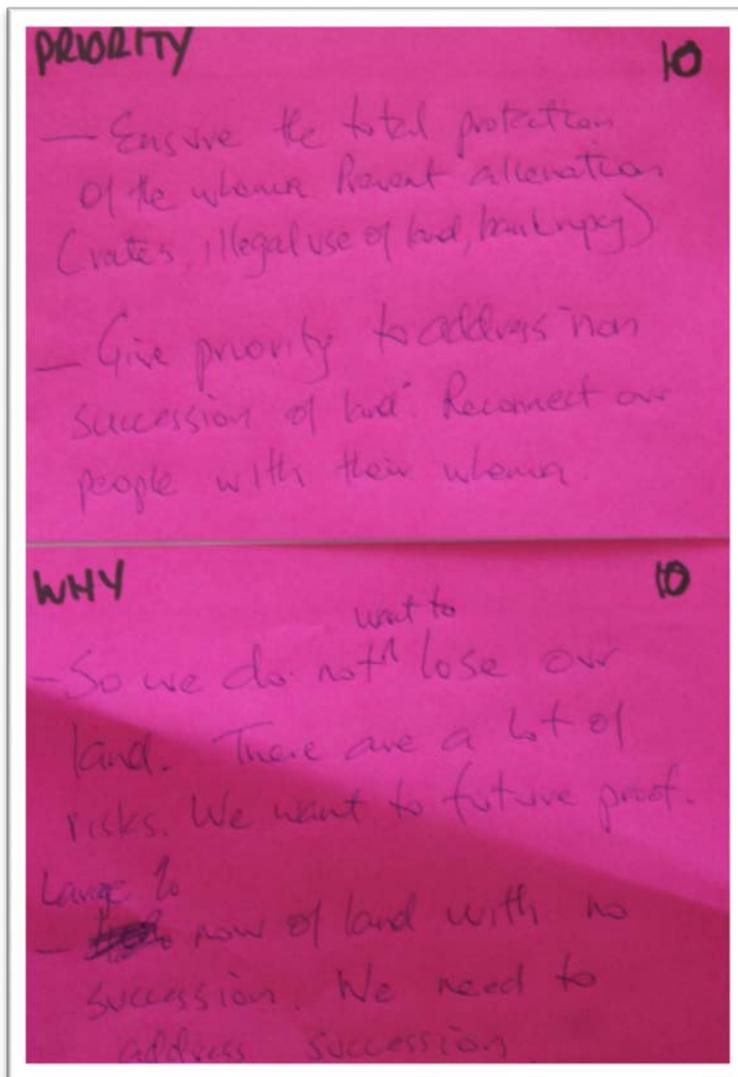
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Whakatāne - Wānanga



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Key insights from wānanga tables – written and oral



ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE WHENUA FROM ALIENATION

1. Ensure the protection of the whenua from alienation. We do not want our land lost. We want to future proof it. We need to protect against risks to loss of land including: Rates, illegal use of land bankruptcy.
2. Give priority to address non succession to land – this will reconnect our people to whenua. There is now a large amount of land with no succession and we need to address it.

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PRIORITY - Protect the whenua *Ko iho whānau* Z

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WHY Z

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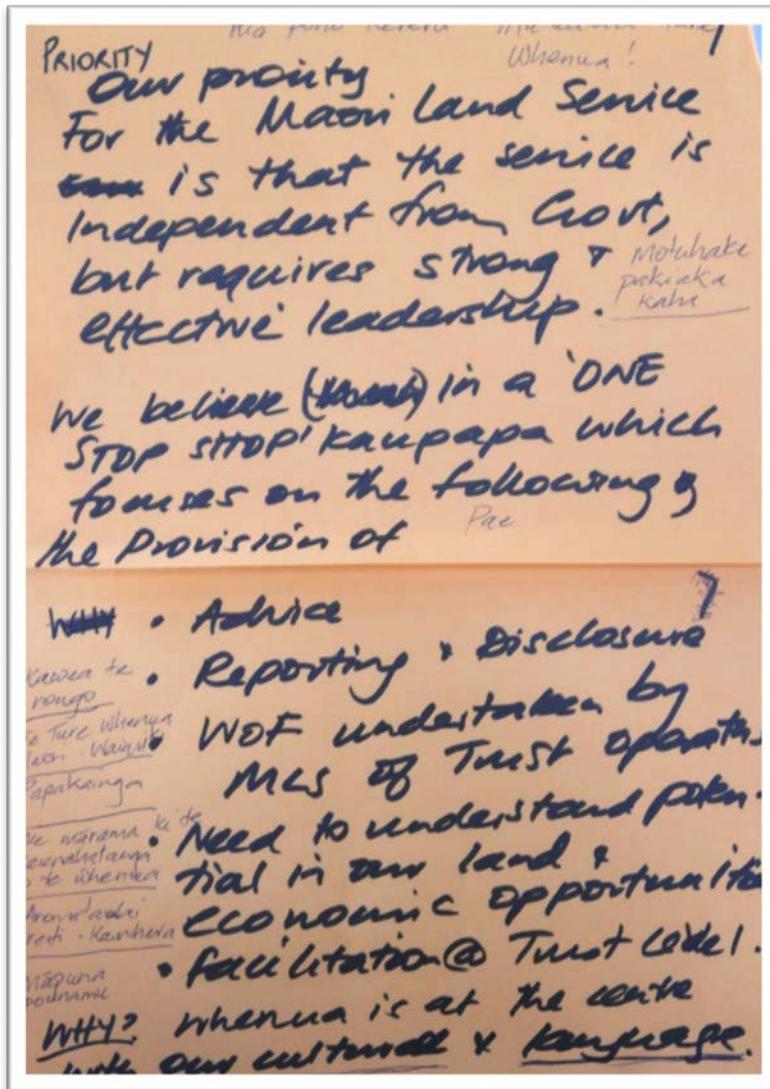
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Support whānau who don't have expert knowledge to make informed decisions – a one stop shop.

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A ONE STOP SHOP

We also looked at retention of whenua. If you have no whenua you have no identity. We have to protect whenua Māori from ever being sold.

Our priority for the Māori Land Service is that the service is independent from government. It requires strong effective leadership.

We believe in a one stop shop kaupapa which is cost effective and consolidates expert knowledge and focuses on the provision of the following:

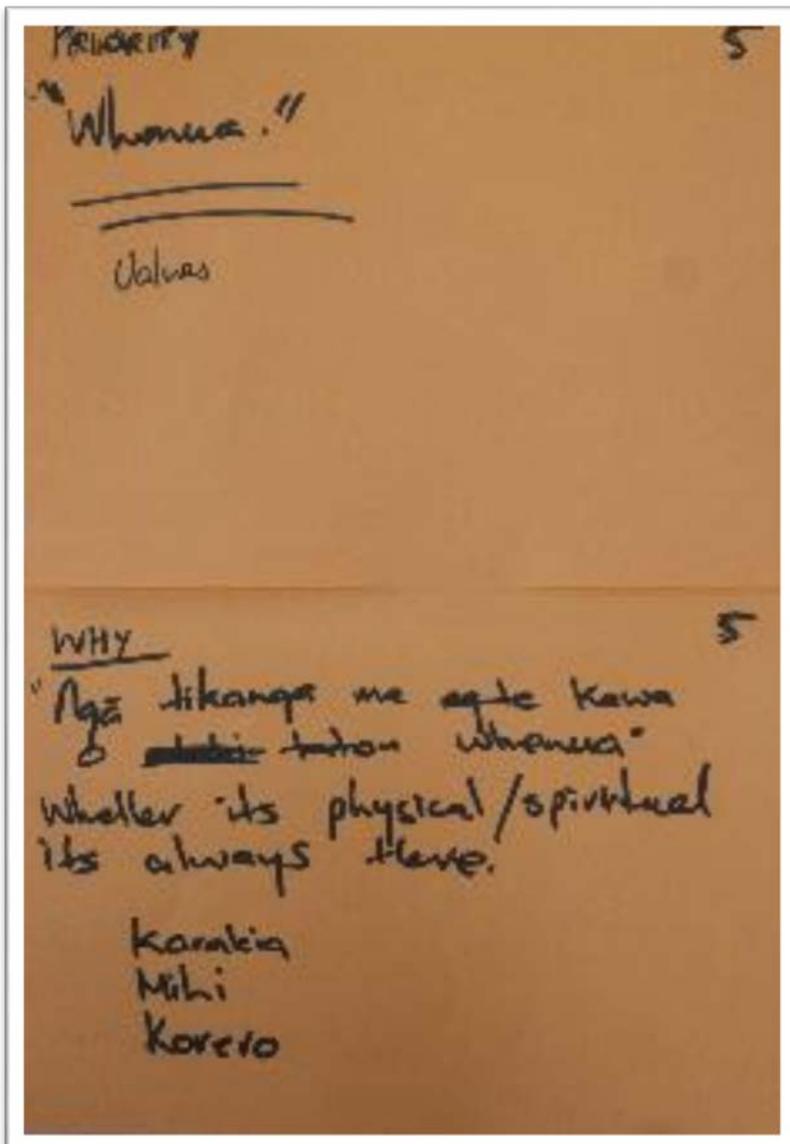
- Advice;
- Reporting and disclosure;
- 'Warrant of Fitness' undertaken by MLS of trust; and
- Economic opportunities.

High capability of staff with high knowledge.

Whenua is at the centre of our culture and language.

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MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR OUR WHĀNAU AT THIS GIVEN TIME AND KNOW THAT OUR SUCCESSIONS WILL DO THE SAME

No more land losses through MLS services. The processes involved must be transparent and have an emphasis on entire whānau involvement.

We are talking about our whānau at this time and for their future. We have learnt from our experiences, that we don't want to get hurt. We want to set up good systems and we want the support to be honest.

If we are going to run our own activities on whenua we want to know our options, for example, which markets we tap into to sell our kai.

We want to educate our whānau.

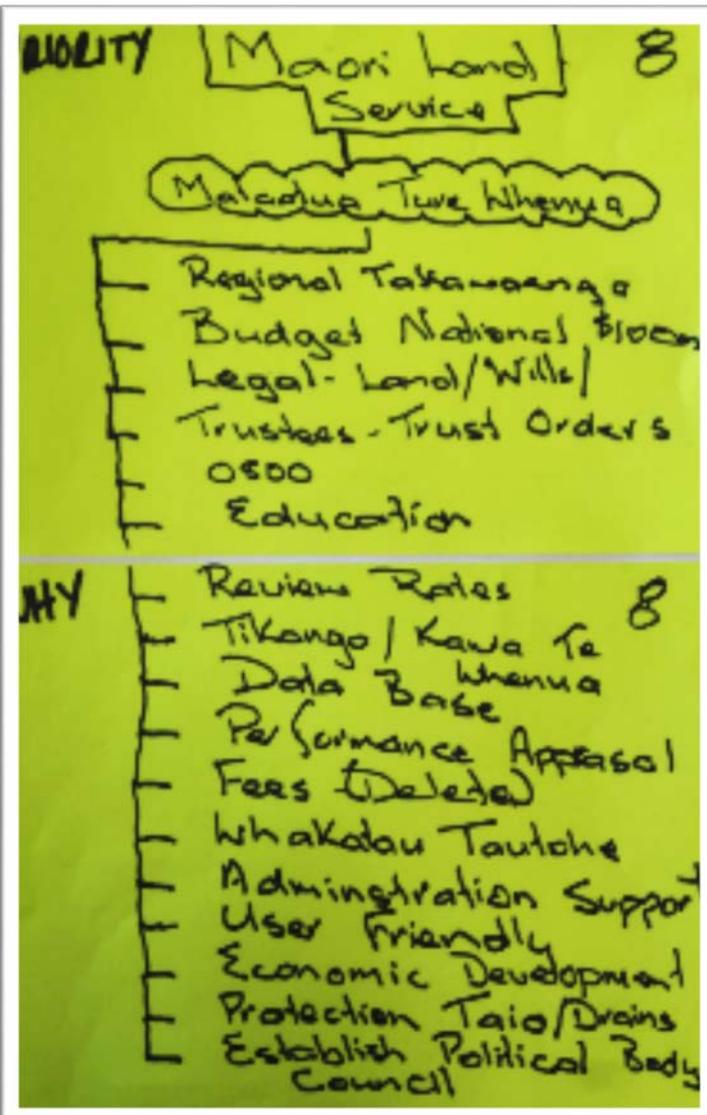
We want to grow our own whānau on our own land and run it ourselves.

We will come across barriers and we want to know that there is support services there to help us. We want to communicate to one person we all agree on as a whānau and to all be on the one page. We want to be able to maintain this relationship because we are looking to our future and want to make good decisions.

We do not want breakdowns in communication. We want to know the decisions by government and how we will be effected by it. We need a shared understanding and the role of each agency. When there are changes we want to understand the impact of different policies on our whānau and how we can manage that.

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MATAATUA LAND SERVICE

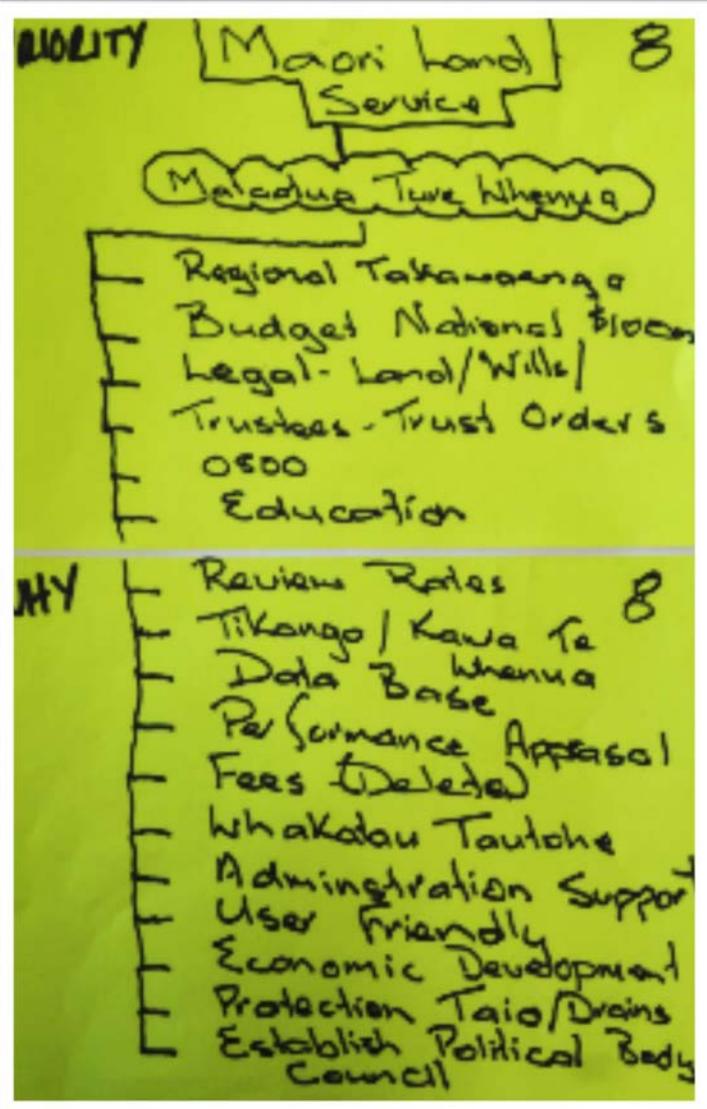
Tautokohia ngā kaikōrero i mua i ā mātou mō ō rātou kaupapa mō o rātou na moemoeā. Hoea te waka kia tere tātou i tēnei rangi. Nā reira ko te whakarāpopototānga o tēnei ō mātou kaupapa, ka pēnei –

1. Ki te taha o ngā kaimahi o te Kooti Whenua Māori ināianei nā. Ka huri ana te kaupapa ki te Māori Land Service me haere hoki ngā kaimahi ki reira ki te pērātia. Kua tāpaea ngā kaimahi ināianei nā. Kei te kaha mai nei ki te moutini ka kite īnā he Māori Land Service.
2. Kua whakaaro mātou tērā akene peā he pai ake kia whakatū tētehi pōari hou mō tātou mō Mataatua. Kia kore e mate te haere ki Rotorua ināianei. He aha te hē? Me taka mai tēnei Māori Land service ki raro i te mana o 'Mataatua Land Service.' Kua pātaingia ki a Keith kei raro tēnei mea i te mana o te Ture (Ministry of Justice), o Te Puni Kōkiri rānei. Me haere i raro i te whakahae o Te Puni Kōkiri. He aha kē te take o Te Puni Kōkiri, kia whakanuihia kia taka mai te mana o Mataatua. Kei roto i a Te Arawa, i a Waikato, i a Maniapoto. Hei aha ai? Kei te hōmai ngā mahi hōhonu katoa ki a mātou ngā kaitaki o te whenua.
3. Te Tumu Paeroa – he rahi ngā kōrero, he nui ngā kōrero – kore kore rawa e mutu ngā kōrero mō Te Tumu Paeroa. Kei te mōhio kē tātou nā te Māori Land Court i hoatu ngā shares, kāhore rātou e 'succeed'ngia. Mēnā kei te haere mai tātou hei kaitaki hou mō ā tātou tamariki mokopuna mō āpōpō he aha te kiko ka whakatūngia mātou hei kaitiaki īnā kei reira rātou e whakapōrearea mai nei i a tātou? Koinei tō mātou nei whakaaro kia whakatūhia te taiipa ki waenganui i Te Tumu Paeroa me tātou i roto i tō tātou rohe.

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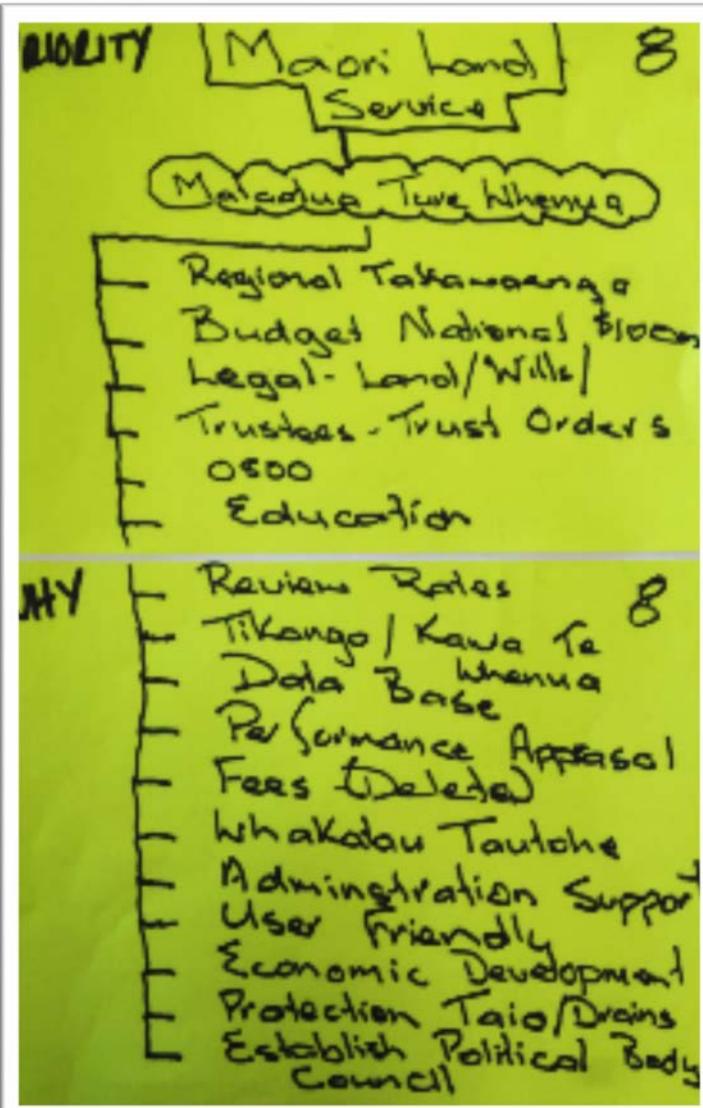


4. Ētahi kaupapa kua takataka mai i tēnei poari:

- He regional kaitakawaenga ki te āwhina ki te trustees.
 - Ka whakatauhia he budget mō rātou - \$14 million kāore he rahi hei whāngai i ngā makimaki – that's peanuts. He whika, \$100 million hei budget mō rātou hei whakahaere i tēnei mahi.
 - Kei roto i tēnei tari ka taka mai he rōia (trust orders – kua pirau, turakihia – kia up to date ai) at our beck and call at a low cost. Ki te review ngā leases me ngā mahi kei runga i te whenua. He legal office i roto i te tari nei.
 - User friendly – me homai he 0800 number kia pai ai te waea atu ki a rātou. Kōira te tono mō Mataatua me ngā Māori Trusts i roto i tēnei rohe.
 - He tohutohu, hei āwhina i a tātou ki te review ngā reiti (mā te rōia me ngā kaimahi o te poari hou).
 - Kia mau tonu ki ngā tikanga me ā tātou kawa kia tutuki hoki te pupuri te whenua.
 - Kia whakatūhia he database ka whakahaerengia e te poari hou e pā ana ki tēnei rohe. Kei reira hoki te whakapapa o ngā tāngata katoa o ēnei whenua.
 - Kia whakaarohia he tāngata ki te haere mai ki te whakamātautau i ngā mahi a ngā trustees – kei te tika, kei te hē rānei. He momo performance review o ngā mahi a ngā kaitiaki, pērā i ngā kura ki tā ERO (Education Review Office).
 - Whakakorehia ngā utu mō te succession – kia kore tātou e mate i tēnei mea te utu.
 - Whakatau ngā tautohetohe – ngā litigations o tēnā whānau o tēnā whānau e pā ana ki ō rātou whenua mā tēnei tari hei whakatau. He rōia hoki ki reira. Inā he take taumaha ka haere kē ki te Kooti ki mua i te kaiwhakawā.
 - Ka kaha tonu te āwhina i te administration support i a tātou katoa.
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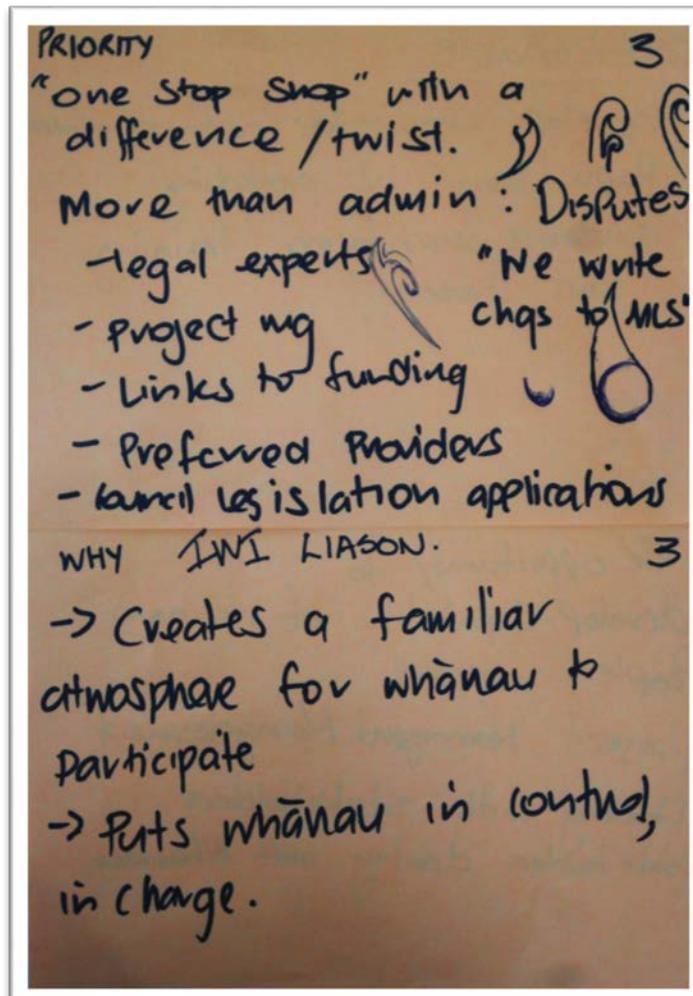
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ONE STOP SHOP

We agree with the protections against alienation of our land.

MLS must be a one stop shop, a place whānau can go to and feel comfortable and MLS will call other agencies for us - we don't want to deal with Council.

- Legal advice
- Project management
- Project funding
- Expert advice
- Preferred providers for building eg architects
- Council legislation applications

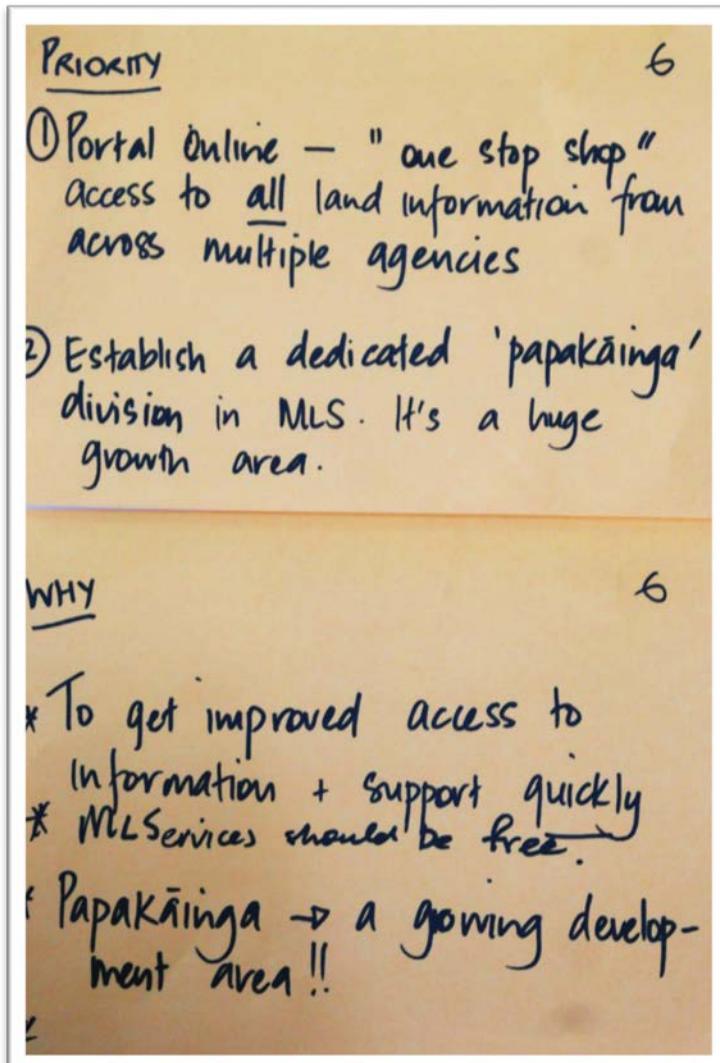
WHY Iwi liaison

- Boots on the ground, soldiers battling for us and on behalf of us.
- MLS has to be based here, so it is more accessible to approach about development here – housing.
- Puts whānau in control, in charge.
- Sustainability, if we do this properly i.e. build networks, advance capability, we can develop our own whānau to do this and in 5 years we will not need MLS.

We want the whānau to build their own capability. We want our own project management capability and networks and if we can do that, we will be in charge.

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PORTAL ONLINE - ONE STOP SHOP

We had esteemed guests among us at our table – a judge and a mediator.

We agree with the one stop shop with the MLS centered on areas for particular iwi.

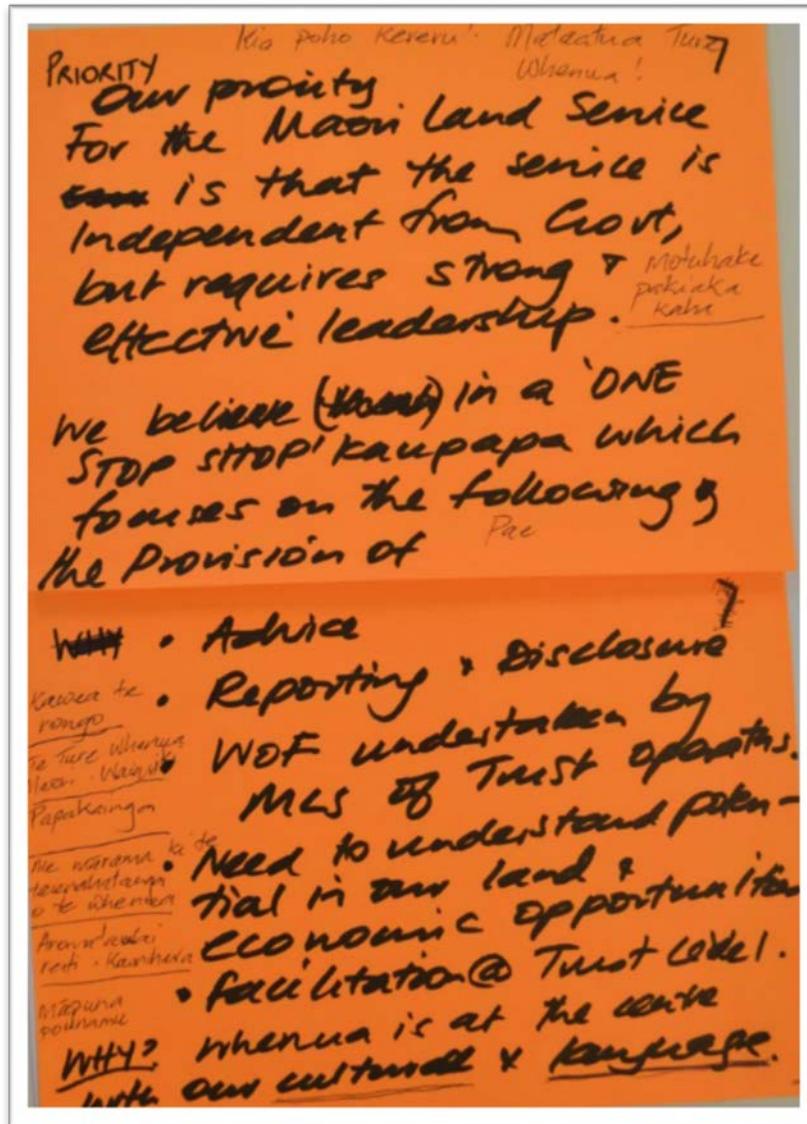
An on-line portal where we can access all land information from multiple agencies , kanohi-ki-te-kanohi (face to face). We need a local hub.

An organisation like where we are today could develop a library resources centre for whenua. This provides research opportunity for rangatahi that is close to home.

Establish a dedicated papakāinga division in MLS it is a huge growth area. People want to build whare but they can't get past the barriers of the court system and council. They need access to information. We can't house our own people.

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EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT

Kaikōrero tuatahi:

Ko te whāinga o te manawa o Tūhoe he long term investment for the senior pension fund.

The dangers are the same, the Chinese are going after the infrastructure because that's where the billions are. Contact, Trust Power, Mercury kei te pai, ko mātou te landlord – investment is the way to go.

Far better to go away and get a job and get paid or get an education. You get far more out of that than worrying about Māori land. Kei tawhiti e noho ana kāore kau ki kōnā he nui rawa ngā take whenua.

Kua puta te hāmene o te district council ki te demolish te house i runga i te whenua because its dangerous and they want to send me the Bill. Yet there are those living on the lands that do not pay the rates or any rent.

Titiro mai te whenua – he nui ngā kaupapa hei tirotiro – me pēhea te whakahaere i to whenua e.g. Hicks Bay – motel. E hua mai ana ngā mahi nā te whakaaro.

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ME MĀORI TE WHĀWHĀ, ME MĀORI TE TITIRO, ME MĀORI TE HAERE ATU.

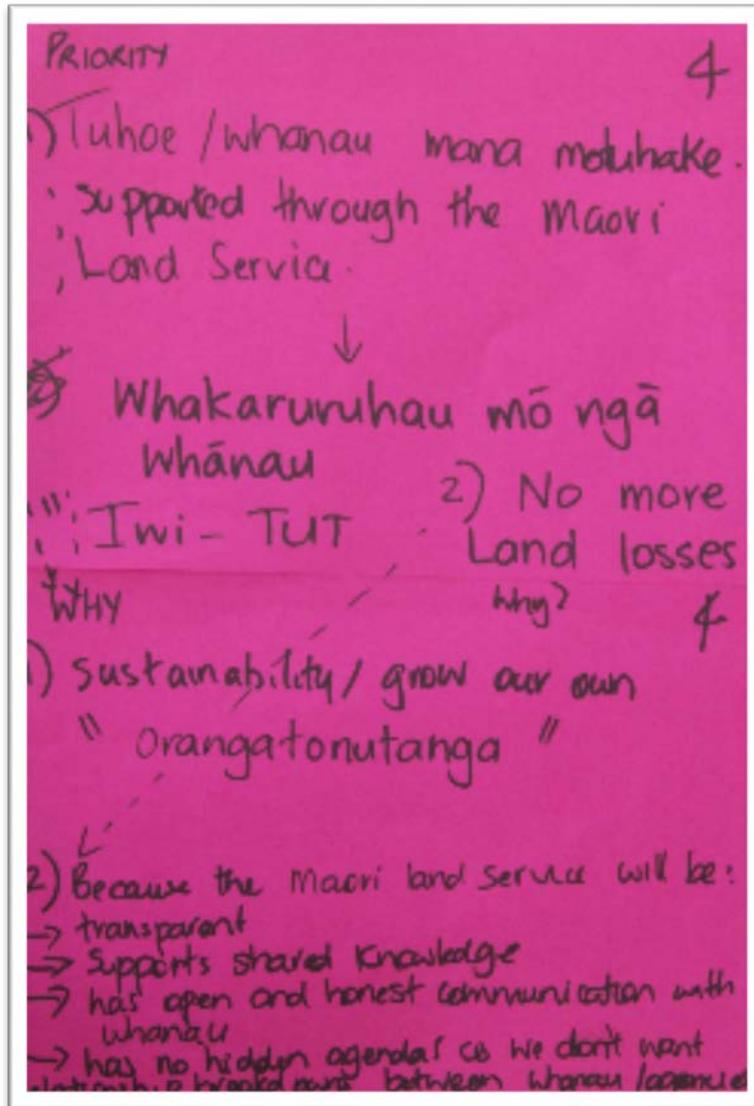
Ko te kaikōrero tuarua:

Kia ora tātou. Ki taku mōhio kei ahau ngā kōrero whakatepe.

1. Me poho kereru te ahua o te whakatū.
2. Kia tika ai te whakarongo a te tangata ki ūnā āhuatanga katoa. Kia motuhake te tū. Kia haere katoa mai ngā pātai, ngā kōrero, ngā whakaaro ki tēnei kaupapa kotahi engari tērā ia he waahi uaua i ētahi wā ko te waahi rangahau. I whai waahi ai tātou ngā kaitiaki, ngā whānau ki te noho ki roto i tēnei tari ki te rangahau i ngā kōrero e hiahia ana. E whai waahi ai tātou kia aua whenua i taua wā tonu ki aua kōrero rānei i taua wā tonu. Kia kaua e parahaki kia kaua e tātau e tonoa ki tētahi tangata noa atu ki tētahi waahi noa atu. Ēngari, whakatūhia mai i roto i te tari nei ēnei āhuatanga katoa kia māmā ai te haere noa iho ki te tangata Māori ki te kimi i ūnā whenua katoa.
3. Me mārama ki te taunakitanga o te whenua. Mā tēnei tari e mōhio ngā hua o te whenua ū inakuanei, ū īnaianei. Tuatahi ka tae atu, ka whai māramatanga mai tēnei tari kia kaua e moumou tāima te haere ki waahi kē ki tangata kē (Lands and Survey, Land Care rānei) ki te whāwhā i te one tapu. Mai tēnei tari te whakautu - he aha ngā hua ka taea ai ki te tango mai i te whenua, ki te whakamahi rānei. Mehemea ko te whakatipu i te parakipere mā te tari e whakaatu me pēhea me aha rānei
4. Me mapuna pounamu me pounamu mapuna te whakatū mai i te tari. Kei te mōhio tātou ki te rangatiratanga o te pounamu, kaati anō me pēnei te whakatū mai. Ki te kore he moumou taima noa iho. Ki te kore e whakatiketike ngā āhuatanga o te tari nei o te ūmanga o te aha atu rānei – he moumou taima. Me eke te whakatū mai i te poupopupane ki ngā tiketike kia hīkoi ai te pae tāwhiti nāwai rā ka eke. Ki te kore he moumou taima. Nō reira, nō mātou te waimarie te noho i te taha o ēnei pāpā i te mea he hōhōnu o rātou whakaaro.
5. Mehemea ka motuhake, me tiki atu i tā Tāwhaki i tikia – kake ake ki ngā pakiaka kaha a Tāwhaki. Kaati me pērā te whakatū mai. Whakatūhia, kia taea ai e tātou te whakaputa i ngā hua e noho nei – e taea ai te kite engari kāore i te mōhio. Me whakaatu mai me pēhea rā te kake ake i ngā pakiaka kaha.
6. Ko te reo me tō tātou ahurea. Kia rite ki tōku tūngane, kia Mataatua te tū mai, kia a Waiariki rānei – ko te reo me tōnā ahurea, Mataatua Waiariki rānei, me eke. I te mea ko te āhua o tō tātou reo, āhua pērā tō tātou whenua
Me Māori te whāwhā, me Māori te titiro, me Māori te haere atu. Me eke ki a tātou kei te kī ko te whakataukī, whatungarongaro te tāngata, toitū te whenua. He aha ai kei te pērā? Ki te kore a Mataatua, a Waiariki rānei ka ngaro – me ū katoa kei roto i te tari nei.
7. Ko te whakamutunga i rongo ake i hohou te rongo o te kōrero kia kotahi te whakatū mai, kia kotahi te haere atu. Kia motuhake te mahi ngā mahi kia pau te mahi ngā m. Kei te mōhio tātou katoa he waahi ngaro kei roto i ēnei āhuatanga katoa nō reira whakakitea mai ērā waahi ngaro i roto i te tari nei e whakaaronuitia nei e tātou katoa. Kia motuhake te whakatū i roto i te wairua Māori, ā, te taea e tātou te whakatō i roto i te tari nei.
8. Kua kapi katoa i a mātou ngā whakaaro nihaniha mō te kaupapa nei.
9. Te waahi ki te communications kawea te rongo, te rongo tika me te rongo pono.

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RECTIFY RIGHTFUL LAND OWNERS

Rectify rightful land owners

This is where all our raruraru comes from. It's to do with the past and how we can't move forward if we don't clean up the past for our children.

When you have whakapapa you will connect to the land and want what we want for the land. We do not own the land, we are only kaitiaki to the land. This is what our tūpuna has given us and what we will give to our moko.

It is the present people that will keep the past to go to the future It is up to the rightful owners to take care of the whenua.

All our troubles are coming from the land. To go forward we have to make way and clean up the past so there is an avenue for the new to come in.