

FORM 13

SUBMISSION ON A PUBLICLY OR LIMITED NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

Section 96 Resource Management Act 1991

(Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council)

To: Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Name of Submitter: Jennifer Elizabeth Peace <i>[Full Name]</i>
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This is a submission on an application from *[name of applicant]*:

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development publicly notified resource consent applications from LU24-01086 to LU24-010192.

for a Resource Consent to *[Briefly describe the type of consent, proposed activity, and location of the resource consent]*:

The extension of the use of seven motels as contracting emergency housing through to 15 December 2025.

at *[The location of the resource consent]*:

See attached document.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are *[Give Details]*:

See attached document.

My submission is *[include whether you **support or oppose** the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; and the reasons for your views]*:

I OPPOSE the extension of the motels for contracted emergency housing - see attached document.

I seek the following decision from the consent authority *[Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought]*:

That the extensions are declined and that the designation of these motels be returned to their original purpose - see attached document.








I wish to be heard in support of my submission



I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission



If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter): 	Date: 
Address for service of Submitter: 	Telephone: 
Contact person: [name and designation, if applicable] Jenny Peace Secretary Restore Rotorua	Fax/email: 

Note to submitter:

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.

The information you have provided on this form is required so that your submission can be processed under the RMA, and your name and address will be publicly available. The information will be stored on a public register and held by the Council, and may also be made available to the public on the Council's website. In addition, any on-going communications between you and Council will be held at Council's offices and may also be accessed upon request by a third party. Access to this information is administered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 1993. If you have any concerns about this, please discuss with a Council Planner prior to lodging your submission. If you would like to request access to, or correction of your details, please contact the Council.

SUBMISSION ON PUBLICLY NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENTS

My full name is Jennifer Elizabeth Peace.

I **OPPOSE** the extension of consents for the use of seven motels (listed below) as contracted emergency housing through to 15 December 2025.

LU24-010186	Alpin Motel	16 Sala Street
LU24-010187	Apollo Hotel	7 Tryon Street
LU24-010188	Ascot on Fenton	247 Fenton Street and 12 Toko Street
LU24-010189	Geneva Motor Lodge	299 Fenton Street
LU24-010190	Lake Rotorua Hotel	131 Lake Road
LU24-010191	Pohutu Lodge Motel	3 Meade Street
LU24-010192	Rotovegas Motel	249-251 Fenton Street / 14 – 16 Toko Street and 8A, 8B and 10B Toko Street

In my role as Secretary of Restore Rotorua, I have fielded feedback from a large number of Rotorua residents by way of calls, emails, and social media messages. Sometimes on a daily basis. The impact that concentrated transitional and emergency housing has had on our neighbourhood and everyday lives is alarming, and many Rotorua locals share the same concerns about their safety and wellbeing.

At the last hearing in October 2022 there were a lot of submissions presented and the common theme was law and order, and safety. Before the hearing had even commenced, Commissioner David Hill, who was the Chair, asked us (Restore Rotorua), in the interests of shortening times, and citing repetition / repeatability as the reason, to group the submissions. The indication was that they (the Commissioners) were not wanting to have to listen to “same-old same old” repetitive messages.

Because of this, many submitters felt undermined and that their opinions were under-valued.

For many of those who made submissions, being heard in support of these submissions was a big deal. And for many of those who are not confident in public speaking, this was really ‘pushing the boat out’. Yet they still were prepared to speak as they were passionate about how their daily lives were impacted. They should have been heard and listened to.

The upshot of this is that this time round, many are reluctant to make another submission. But that is not an indication of the true feeling about these extensions. So as Secretary of Restore Rotorua, I am talking for those sceptical about going through the process again. As well as coming from the point of view as a concerned citizen and long-term resident of Glenholme.

Rotorua used to be known as a tourist mecca. This is no longer the case due to the concentration of motels being used for transitional and emergency housing.

There is no disputing that there are people in need of somewhere to live however:

- There needs to be a sinking lid policy.
- Out-of-towners need to be accommodated in their own town.
- Importing of non-Rotorua people must cease.

Out-of-town people living in Rotorua motels need to be sent back to where they came from (their hometowns). And the lies need to stop – the spin that out-of-towners are not being brought here. Because they are!!

There are a number of people / organisations that are benefitting (financially) from the current arrangements. We have a homelessness industry in Rotorua.

There have been no exit plans proposed as per the conditions following the October 2022 hearings. Is this because there was always the intention to extend the consents? And what is to stop this happening again at the end of 2025? We went through a comprehensive and expensive process to deliver a decision in 2022. That should be binding and not up for renegotiation every two years.

The terrible and ongoing law and order issues only started with motels in the area being used for emergency housing. It was never like this before. We want to feel safe. We live amongst crime, vandalism, unruly and threatening behaviour and this should not be happening to us.



SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER ELIZABETH PEACE

Date: 1/8/24