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**ENDORSEMENT OF PUWHAKAMUA**

I operate a law firm that is now primarily dealing with prison and parole matters.

At the time of writing, I probably have carriage of the highest volume of parole matters in New Zealand.

The team at Puwhakamua have helped many of my clients. They work very hard to build relationships with prisoners over a long period.

Puwhakamua have very noble and compassionate pursuits with parolees although their values are always accompanied by extensive screening and vigilance about the people they commit to.

I have noticed that members of the Parole Board have been satisfied with the monitoring, surveillance and supervision offered by Puwhakamua.

Mr McFarlane and Puwhakamua are respected amongst my colleagues, the Parole Board, Probation, and the prisoners.

Their work is essential and effective.

Yours faithfully,  
EXEO LEGAL LIMITED

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**From:** tama Rika <parawaiworks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 October 2024 4:02 pm  
**To:** Sarah Beardsley <info@puwhakamua.org.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Pūwhakamua - feedback

The pae Tapu Members of Ngaati Tahu and Ngaati Whaoa Mark Reihana and Leo Rika, Kaumatua for a number of years now agree to support the establishment of the Puu Whakamua Reintegration Project/Program in the Rohe of Ngaati Whaoa ki Waikite valley off Te Kopia road... The Cultural Papa Kainga project will enable our people to further their Education in Kawa me oona Tikanga in a safe environment...

Supporting the many diverse cultures that have settled in our Valley over the many years...

To traverse on Traditional Lands, support the Environmental sustainability program on our Reserves, Native flora and fauna Mountains and Valleys, Ngaa Whaa, Springs, Rivers and all Species of Wildlife...

Thank you Aroro Tikanga Charitable Trust for your initiative and support to enable our native people of the land to once again live grow and contribute to our environment and community.

Maa te Mahi Tahi ka Tutuki...

Working together we will succeed...

Nga Mihi Nunui ki a koe Billy McFarlane maa koutou te Roopu, Nga Pou Whakahaere o tenei Kaupapa...

Naaku Noa

Leo.Rika

Kaumatua o te Runanga o Ngaati Whaoa.

**From:** Sarah Beardsley  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 September 2024 4:11 pm  
**To:** [parawaiworks@gmail.com](mailto:parawaiworks@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** William Macfarlane <[billy@puwhakamua.org.nz](mailto:billy@puwhakamua.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** Pūwhakamua - feedback

Tēnā koe Leo

My name is Sarah and I'm the Operations Manager for the Pūwhakamua kaupapa. I work alongside our GM Billy Macfarlane (cc'd), who I believe you have engaged with very recently.

Billy will have discussed with you that we are currently in the middle of community engagement with plans to relocate to a new site within the Waikite Valley rohe.

As part of this engagement, we have contacted mana whenua at their main email address [office@tahu-whaoa.com](mailto:office@tahu-whaoa.com), but we have heard nothing back so far.

We are very open to feedback and/or endorsement from mana whenua on this project, from kaumatua and members of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa rūnanga.

If anyone would like to meet in person, or ask any questions via phone or email, our contact details can be found on Page 7 of the attached information pack.

Any feedback received from mana whenua - whether verbal or in writing - will form an integral part of our resource consent application.

We plan to submit the application to Rotorua Lakes Council next month and welcome responses from Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa at the earliest opportunity.

Ngā mihi

**Sarah Beardsley**

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16 October 2024

To whom it may concern,

As Previous Area Commander for Rotorua, my staff and I had been involved in Billy Macfarlane's program 'Pūwhakamua' since its inception.

Currently I oversee all Prevention work conducted by the NZ Police, which brings me into contact with programs like Pūwhakamua and similar.

The initial scepticism in how engaging with the more hardened criminals in a 'Te Ao Māori' process to turn their lives around would be successful. The test of time has shown success.

The participants of the Pūwhakamua would normally never engage with Police. Pūwhakamua's initial teachings to these men are politeness and respect which is reflected in the way they now engage with Police when we turn up, and other members of the community as well.

Pūwhakamua has always had an open-door policy to police either to the classes or the construction compound, this transparency has helped build reasonable trust and confidence in the intentions of the program. Police staff make regular appearances at any of his working classes and are received openly.

Pūwhakamua has made transformation in some of the most difficult criminals converting their sense of loyalty from crime to 'Tikanga Māori'.

Pūwhakamua has strictly adopted a non-offending policy and on occasion police have been called to acts of criminal offending that may have occurred or is occurring on premises by the Director, Billy Macfarlane.

I have no hesitation supporting this program to enable the spread and its positive influence throughout the region.

Yours sincerely



**Superintendent Phillip Taikato**  
Director Māori & Community Prevention Partnerships  
Iwi and Community

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**From:** [David Jones](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Beardsley](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pūwhakamua - endorsement  
**Date:** Friday, 27 September 2024 11:25:01 am

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Tena Koutou,

Please accept this email as confirmation of my support for your plan to relocate and upgrade your facilities in the Rotorua area.

I have been impressed with the work you have done in preparing prisoners for release in Auckland South Correctional Facility, and I believe that providing additional spaces in the community for these men to continue their rehabilitation after release from prison would be of huge benefit in reducing recidivism and keeping the community safe.

In my experience, a lot of excellent treatment, hard work and progress often comes undone quickly if the person concerned must return to an environment of substance abuse and antisocial behaviour for want of anywhere else to which they can be released. Any additional accommodation which can support these people to generalise their treatment gains into the community safely would be beneficial, and would also save the Corrections estate a considerable amount of money in not having to detain people beyond the time at which they could have been released had there been suitable accommodation.

I am also of the opinion that there are distinct advantages to a residential facility in a rural area of Rotorua run on a Tikanga Māori basis. Firstly, many of our tane respond well to Tikanga Māori and can continue that journey after prison. Secondly, such accommodation would provide an alternative to release addresses in Central Auckland and Hamilton, which, while helpful, are often in close proximity to antisocial associates and opportunities for substance abuse.

I have also seen the plans for the new facility, and would like to comment that people often respond well to being engaged in treatment in modern, well designed spaces, which this appears to be. It conveys a sense of professionalism and competence, and tends to make people feel as though their progress is valued. I think this appears to be an excellent facility that is likely to be of great value to the community.

I look forward to continuing to support and advise your organisation in my capacity as a clinical psychologist in private practice.

I hope this letter is of use to you.

Nga mihi,

Dave

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**From:** Sarah Beardsley <[info@puwhakamua.org.nz](mailto:info@puwhakamua.org.nz)>

**Sent:** 23 September 2024 16:16

**Subject:** Pūwhakamua - endorsement

Tēnā koe

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We are very appreciative of your continued support of our kaupapa and the work that you do either in prison or the community for Ngai Māori.

Ngā mihi

**Billy Macfarlane**

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**From:** [Bidois, Judge](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Beardsley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pūwhakamua - endorsement  
**Date:** Tuesday, 24 September 2024 8:46:46 am

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Ae kei te tautoko au i te Kaupapa o Puwhakamua

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**From:** Sarah Beardsley <[info@puwhakamua.org.nz](mailto:info@puwhakamua.org.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 4:17 PM  
**Subject:** Pūwhakamua - endorsement

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**From:** [Max Simpkins](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Beardsley](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pūwhakamua - endorsement  
**Date:** Monday, 23 September 2024 8:02:03 pm

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Of course I support the venture. Billy has worked hard and does good work.

Max  
Sent from my iPhone

On 23 Sep 2024, at 4:17 PM, Sarah Beardsley <[info@puwhakamua.org.nz](mailto:info@puwhakamua.org.nz)> wrote:

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<Waikite Valley - Information Pack - Final.pdf>



**From:** [HURIWAI, Terry \(PONEKE\)](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Beardsley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pūwhakamua - endorsement  
**Date:** Tuesday, 24 September 2024 4:59:29 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

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Tēnā koe e Sarah,

Thank you for the panui and yes I definitely support the kaupapa and the mahi. Look forward to staying in touch and seeing the future progressed.

Pass on my regards to Billy.

Noho ora mai

Terry Huriwai  
(Te Arawa; Ngāti Porou)  
Kaitohutohu Matua,  
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Ara Poutama Aotearoa,  
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**From:** Sarah Beardsley <info@puwhakamua.org.nz>

**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 4:17 PM

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pūwhakamua - endorsement

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15 October 2024

The Chairperson  
**TIKANGA ARORO CHARITABLE TRUST**

Ref: 608432-10

**ATTENTION: DOUG MACREDIE**

**EMAIL:** info@puwhakamua.org.nz / engagecentral@corrections.govt.nz

Dear Mr Macredie

**TIKANGA ARORO CHARITABLE TRUST PROPOSAL - LOT 1 671 PUAITI ROAD**

1. We have been instructed by the Waikite Valley Community Collective (the **Collective** or **WVCC**) in relation to the Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust (**TACT**) Pūwhakamua Reintegration Services proposal to establish a new facility at Lot 1 671 Puaiti Road (the **Project**).
2. Some members of the Collective have received two separate hard copy documents; a Community Engagement Information Pack (undated), and an undated letter to resident(s) regarding an invitation to meet with property owners within a set radius of the Project. The purpose of this letter is to formally respond to that information, and request a response to earlier correspondence to ensure meaningful engagement.
3. We advise that, based on the information received to date, the Collective has significant and serious concerns regarding the Project's anticipated effects in the proposed rural zone location and question whether it would be an appropriate activity within that rural zone in the Waikite Valley. WVCC has received initial expert planning advice in relation to the Project.
4. WVCC (by email correspondence dated 29 September and 7 October 2024) has provided TACT with an initial list of questions seeking further information. It has not yet received any response to these questions and requests that information is provided before any in-person meetings are scheduled so that the response can be considered properly. Notwithstanding the information provided to date, the members of the Collective would like the opportunity to review the proposed resource consent application together with all supporting appendices to fully understand the Project.
5. Given the level of community and public interest in the Project, WVCC requests to be involved in the resource consenting process. We suggest it would be appropriate for any application for the Project to be publicly notified and request confirmation that TACT will request public notification.

Yours faithfully

**COONEY LEES MORGAN**



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