

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: Millie Bishop <i>[Full Name]</i>
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This is a submission on an application from *[name of applicant]*:

Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust

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

To establish and operate a reintegration housing activity in the rural zone 1A of the Rotorua Lakes District Plan

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

473 Puaiti Road, Waikite Valley

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

The application in its entirety

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 application for the following reasons;
Refer to attached document

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

To decline the application



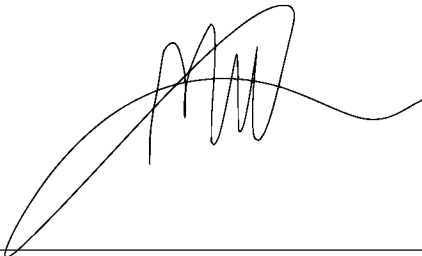
I wish to be heard in support of my submission



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 (<i>or</i> person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter): 	Date: 16/06/2025
Address for service of Submitter: 	
Contact person: <i>[name and designation, if applicable]</i>	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.

I oppose the application for the following reasons.

I have grown up in this area and feel incredibly blessed to be part of such a safe, tight-knit community. This is a place where neighbours know and support one another, and where locking your doors has never felt necessary. It is a peaceful environment that I deeply value, and hope to raise my future children in.

Whilst I acknowledge the importance of rehabilitation programs, I believe this location is unsuitable for such a facility. The remoteness and limited access to emergency services raise significant safety concerns, especially considering the potential presence of serious offenders. The lack of nearby support systems also makes it difficult to ensure adequate oversight, which is crucial in managing any risk to the wider community.

For many years I have babysat for friends, and other families around the community, specifically on Puaiti Road, and Tekopia Road. I have been able to do this because of the safety and security of our area, but if there was a development of this nature just around the road, I would be very reluctant to continue doing this, due to safety concerns for myself and the Tamariki.

I respectfully urge the council to reconsider this proposal and to seek alternative locations that are better equipped to support this type of facility. Locations that are closer to essential services and have the appropriate support systems in place- not only to ensure community safety but to also provide the necessary resources for the successful rehabilitation of offenders.

According to the district plan, this type of development is considered non-complying activity within the rural zoning of Waikite Valley. Rural zoning exists to support agricultural use, low population density, and activities that align with the rural character of the region. I believe allowing a facility of this scale and nature to be in our rural community would undermine the integrity of the district plan and set a precedent for further non-rural development in our community. Protecting the rural zone is essential not only for those of us living here now but also for the long-term sustainability of rural activities and the lifestyle that comes with them.

As a young woman who has always felt safe here, I want that to continue. I hope to raise my children in the same peaceful and trusting rural community I was lucky to grow up in. I have genuine concerns about the safety of our community and believe this is not the right location for a facility of this nature.