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**Subject:** Resource Consent Application for Reintegration Facility

**Submission on Resource Consent Application — 473 Puaiti Road (Lot 1 DP 585350)**

To: Rotorua Lakes Council

Re: Resource Consent Application for Reintegration Facility

Address of Proposal: Lot 1 DP 585350, 473 Puaiti Road

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**Submission: Opposition and Recommendation of Alternative Site**

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed establishment of a reintegration facility at 473 Puaiti Road. While I understand the value of reintegration services, this location is entirely unsuitable for such a facility — and I urge the Council to decline the application.

**Reasons for Opposition**

1.

**Mismatch with Rural Residential Land Use**

The proposal does not align with the rural, residential, and agricultural character of the area. Residents in and around Puaiti Road have chosen this environment for its peace, privacy, and low-impact land use. A reintegration facility introduces a level of social and operational risk that is completely out of step with the local zoning and community expectations.

2.

### **Concerns for Community Safety and Security**

Regardless of management protocols, the presence of a reintegration facility housing individuals re-entering society creates anxiety among nearby residents, particularly families with young children. There is a lack of adequate oversight, lighting, and rapid emergency response capability in the area to support such a use safely.

3.

### **Inadequate Infrastructure**

473 Puaiti Road lacks essential infrastructure required for a facility of this nature, including:

- Reliable public transport
- Emergency access
- Nearby health, social, or police services

The roading network is rural and narrow, unsuitable for the traffic and servicing a reintegration site would demand.

### **Recommended Alternative: Te Maioha o Parekarangi**

Instead of disrupting a quiet rural community, I urge the Council and applicant to pursue reintegration services adjacent to or integrated with Te Maioha o Parekarangi Youth Justice Residence, located in Rotorua. This site offers:

- Existing secure infrastructure and professional staffing

- Zoning and community expectations already aligned with justice-related services
- Proximity to essential support services, including health, counselling, education, and emergency services
- Reduced impact on local residents, since this is already a designated justice facility

This alternative location is more appropriate, cost-effective, and socially responsible. It also promotes greater continuity of care and reintegration outcomes, as services would be located within an existing, purpose-built system.

## **Conclusion**

The establishment of a reintegration facility is an important goal — but 473 Puaity Road is not the right place. I respectfully ask the Council to decline this resource consent and support the relocation of the proposal to a more appropriate setting, such as the Te Maioha o Parekarangi Youth Justice Residence, where infrastructure and zoning are already in place.

Joshua iliev