

# SUBMISSION ON A PUBLICLY OR LIMITED NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 96 Resource Management Act 1991

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

<b>To:</b> Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	<b>Name of Submitter:</b>          <div style="text-align: right;">Will Holmes</div>
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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 District Plan

At *[The location of the resource consent]*: 473 Puaiti Rd, Waikite Valley

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

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]*:


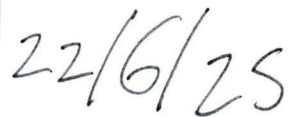


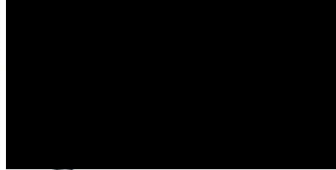
*I oppose the application for several reasons - listed on attached page*

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

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

**X** 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: <i>[name and designation, if applicable]</i>  <i>Will Holmes</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:

- a. Location - Puaiti Rd is too far from emergency services.

Puaiti Road is at least 40 minutes from Rotorua. In an emergency the distance will be an Issue.

- b. Our poor phone reception

Our valley has weak phone reception in many area

- c. Safety of those living in the community, and their property

I have lived in the Valley on and off for 26 years, and now farm here. It has been a safe and happy community to live and raise kids in - which my sharemilker and his worker are also now enjoying. We feel this will change if the RLC changes the zoning and allows a reintegration facility to operate out here.

The resource application to RLC stated 'the facility gates will be locked at night - mostly for the safety of the residents'. This seems to suggest unwanted visitors are anticipated. Visitors will apparently be restricted in number, and 'vetted'. This process is not guaranteed.

Many currently go for walks/runs along our road sides, including Te Kopia Road (the main route to the proposed facility). This will no longer feel safe.

We've always felt safe leaving our home unlocked but that would no longer be the case.

- d. Increased traffic - Our roads will have a lot more traffic - this will affect those who currently feel safe cycling/walking around here. Waikite Valley's roads' layout can also be confusing. When working on our roadside we're often asked for directions to places as drivers are 'lost'. Some in the community are concerned about increased unknown cars coming up their driveway, asking for direction.

- e. Impact on our community/property values

As a community we will not be able to enjoy the sense of safety and security around us we currently do. Kids won't bike along the roads as much, or explore our great environment (including hunting in the Paeroas, and eeling in local streams).

I'll have to be much more wary of leaving farm machinery/tools outside - as will my sharemilker, and his farm worker. My sharemilker has enough trouble getting good farm labour now - with Waikite Valley possibly having a less favourable reputation, this will be worse. I have a very high mortgage - am concerned a possible/probable resulting decrease in the value of local properties will affect the equity.