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Subject: RE: Resource consent application. LU24-010243, 473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru, Rotorua.

Tēnā koe,

I am writing a letter of support for the resource consent application LU24-010243 for Pūwhakamua to operate a reintegration facility at 473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru, Rotorua.

My name is Michelle Tupper, a Kaiako in Thames and my partner is a proud graduate of the Pūwhakamua programme. If it not for this Kaupapa, he would not have a new life with a full time job, whānau connections and life goals.

Just this last weekend, I bumped into another graduate in Hamilton, who is now living back with his family, a full time dad and a loving husband. He is positively contributing to society again, and breaking the generational trauma he has experienced. He is a contributing member of his community with the skills learned at Pūwhakamua.

In my experience, the men of Pūwhakamua are in a place of safety and aroha, where they can learn the skills and unlearn habits in order to be better humans.

As neighbors, I have seen them take care of their hapori; supplying food and care to those around them, lending a helping hand and being there when needed for mahi.

These men are safer with the supervision they receive, than those wandering around hapori without the support, routine and Kaupapa.

Nga mihi

Michelle Tupper
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***"Kauaka e kimihia ki te mea kino i roto i te tangata, rapua ki te mea pai Kia whakanuia.
Do not look for the bad in a person and explore it. Look instead for the good and magnify it." - Sir Norman Perry***

