

To: Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Name of Submitter: Howard Roger Francis Trent <i>[Full Name]</i>
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Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust

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

473 Puaiti Road, Waikite Valley

The application in its entirety

See attached sheet

To decline the application

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I wish to be heard in support of my submission

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I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

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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: 21-Jun-2025
Address for service of Submitter: 	Telephone: 
Contact person: <i>[name and designation, if applicable]</i> Roger Trent	Fax/email: 

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My submission is in opposition to the application because the proposed activity does not maintain or enhance the character and amenity values of the rural working zone environment. The proposed activity is not rural in nature and does not meet the low numbers of building applicable under Rural Zone 1A. Waikite Valley is an isolated area with nine arterial routes into and out of it, furthermore it has no community policing or infrastructure to maintain community safety. GPS services include paper roads in their directions which have been personally experienced with visitors getting lost, and stuck, in areas without cell phone coverage. The isolation of the area saw a previous youth reintegration service relocate out of the district.

Incongruence is seen within the Resource Consent Application regarding Traffic Effects as follows:

Traffic Effects 5.3.4 states "Traffic is generated by staff, official and whanau visitors, the Pūwhakamua van, **and a small number of (no more than 3) residents that may be permitted to have a private vehicle** for work purposes towards the end of their time in the programme." (p. 25).

However, the following is stated in Rural Zone: Objectives and Policies Assessment:

"Traffic will be within anticipated levels **given the residents do not have private vehicles**" (p. 35).

Further, the traffic movement survey data did not include a weekend which is the only time visitors are permitted:

"Data was not recorded across a weekend, however numbers are expected to be lower than a weekday with no official visits or trips to appointments for residents. Visitors will typically be whanau only." (p. 25).

Therefore, it is believed that the traffic movement data has been underestimated.

The facility will draw undesirable people into the district adding to the risk of furthering criminal activity already experienced e.g - theft and intimidation during marijuana planting and harvest season, fuel and vehicle theft, as well as, Te Kopia Road being known as a regular route for drug deliveries between Rotorua and Taupo. To conclude, there is no evidence of positive outcomes for the community, which implies only negative outcomes.

