

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)*

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| <b>To:</b><br>Chief Executive<br>Rotorua Lakes Council<br>Private Bag RO3029<br>ROTORUA | <b>Name of Submitter:</b><br><br>Melanie Webby<br><br><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.  
Please see 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



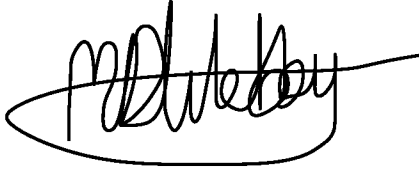
I wish to be heard in support of my submission



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

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| Signature of submitter ( <i>or</i> person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter):<br> | Date:<br><br>18/06/2025                                                             |
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| 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.

## **Subject: Objection to Proposed Reintegration Facility on Puaiti Road**

I am writing to formally oppose the application for a reintegration facility proposed on Puaiti Road.

As a long-time resident of Waikite Valley, where I have lived for the past 23 years, I am proud to be part of a loyal, tight-knit, and supportive rural community. Over the years, I have opened my door late at night to assist locals involved in accidents or mechanical breakdowns. As a registered nurse, I have provided emergency care to two people who had been injured in a car accident near my home—treating them until an ambulance arrived over 45 minutes later. I have also provided assistance to others on the roadside following accidents.

I have always felt safe doing so, in large part because I know the people in our community and trust the environment we live in. However, if the proposed reintegration facility were to go ahead, that sense of safety would be significantly diminished.

The facility will increase traffic on our rural roads and introduce individuals who are not part of our existing community—individuals whose backgrounds and behaviours we have no way of knowing, and individuals who would never normally be in this agricultural (or farming) area. In an area with poor cell phone coverage and long emergency response times, this leaves people like myself—who have always acted as first responders in critical situations—feeling far more vulnerable.

The presence of a reintegration facility will have an adverse effect on my sense of safety, security and willingness (and like others) to stop and help someone on the side of the road or bringing them into our homes. This hesitation could have life-or-death consequences in emergencies. It deeply saddens me that a proposal could change the community dynamic so drastically and also my duty of care and morals as a human and a nurse.

While I understand the importance of reintegration programs in society, I strongly believe that Puaiti Road and the Waikite Valley area are not suitable locations for such a facility. Our region lacks the infrastructure, emergency response support, and security presence necessary to ensure both the safety of the wider community and the success of a facility of this nature.

For these reasons, I respectfully but firmly oppose the application.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Webby / Registered nurse and local resident