

FORM 13	
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)	
To: Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Name of Submitter: Aperahama Te Taonui Titari Manotau Anihana [Full Name]

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]*:

Establish a reintegration housing activity (Puwhakamua) on a rural site in Waikite Valley.

at *[The location of the resource consent]*:

671 Puaiti Road, Waikite Valley

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

My submission relates to all parts of the application which has been submitted

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]*:

in support of the application for a residential facility to be established for the purpose of reintegrating whanau from Prison back into the community.

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

I request that the Consent Authority support the entirety of the application including the safety mechanisms that have been put in place.



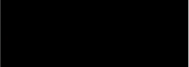
I wish to be heard in support of my submission



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

Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter): 	Date: 24-Jun-2025
Address for service of Submitter: 	Telephone: 
Contact person: [name and designation, if applicable]	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.

Aperahama Anihana



Rotorua Lakes Council
1061 Haupapa Street
Rotorua

June 24 2025

Subject: Submission in support of LU24-010243 – Reintegration Facility at 473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru

Tēnā koutou,

I am writing in strong support of the Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust's (TACT) application to establish a reintegration facility at 473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru.

I speak from personal experience. I was a participant in both the Puwhakamua and Angitu programmes, and they changed my life. Before these programmes, I was stuck in a cycle — institutional thinking, disconnection from culture, and no real pathway to build a better future. I had the willingness to change, but I didn't know how. What I found through these kaupapa Māori-based programmes was more than a support system — I found identity, purpose, and accountability.

These programmes didn't just teach me skills; they helped me reconnect with my whakapapa, my values, and my responsibilities. The tikanga Māori approach gave me tools to face my past, make peace with it, and move forward with dignity. It wasn't easy — it was challenging, confronting, and disciplined. But that's what makes it work.

The proposed reintegration facility offers the same opportunity for others — not just to be housed, but to be guided, challenged, and transformed. The strict rules around curfew, sobriety, gang contact, and supervised movement are essential. They create structure. But more than that, the cultural foundation gives the programme its power.

I now live a different life. I contribute to my whānau. I work. I walk with pride, not shame. That would not have happened without the kind of support this facility will offer.

Approving this application is not just about land use. It's about backing a proven solution to reduce reoffending, rebuild lives, and strengthen communities. I urge the Council to support this kaupapa. There are people out there right now who are ready to change — they just need a place like this to help them do it.

Ngā manaakitanga,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aperahama'.

Aperahama Anihana