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)

ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

To:	**Name of Submitter:**
Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Sarah Helm Executive Director New Zealand Drug Foundation *[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]*:

carry out a Non-Complying Activity in accordance with the Rotorua District Plan and Section 104D of the Resource Management Act 1991. The application is to establish and operate a reintegration facility on 473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru, Rotorua (Lot 1 DP 585350).

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

473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru, Rotorua (Lot 1 DP 585350).

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

Please see the letter attached to our email.

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]:*

The NZ Drug Foundation supports this application for resource consent. Please see our letter attached to our email for details.

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

To approve the application for resource consent as submitted by Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust.

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☐ **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
[redacted]	[redacted]
Contact person: *[name and designation, if applicable]* Sarah Helm Executive Director	[redacted]

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.

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Te Puna Whakaiti Pāmamae Kai Whakapiri
New Zealand Drug Foundation

Rotorua Lakes Council

Private Bag 3029

Rotorua

Tēnā koutou,

Re: support for Pūwhakamua programme by Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust

We are writing in support of the Pūwhakamua programme run by Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust, and the provision of the programme in the Waikite Valley, which is under consideration for resource consent by Rotorua Lakes Council. This is in relation to the resource consent application LU24-010243.

Pūwhakamua provides a well-established and crucial service in helping ex-offenders re-integrate into society. Programmes like Pūwhakamua are unique in that their kaupapa Māori approach fosters health and wellbeing, while ensuring the participants' parole conditions are also strictly adhered to.

The Pūwhakamua programme at Kohuora Auckland South Corrections Facility demonstrated a recidivism rate of only around 5% among those who completed the programme. It has been endorsed by several government agencies, including New Zealand Police, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Development, and Oranga Tamariki.[1] The success of the in-prison programme led to the expansion of the facility to its Rotorua premises, with the aim of continuing the benefits realised by prisoners upon their release.

The strict rules and regulations at Pūwhakamua benefit both participants and the local community. These safeguards have resulted in no incidents recorded with Police, and no complaints received by the general public since they started operating in 2018.

Pūwhakamua currently has a waitlist for their programme, showing that the service is in high demand. According to Ara Poutama Aotearoa (the Department of Corrections), "Finding suitable accommodation for offenders who can no longer be lawfully detained in prison is one of our most significant challenges and the safety of communities is

[1] Serco. 2021. Schedule 18: Innovation Outside the Project at Auckland South Corrections Facility. Available from: https://fyi.org.nz/request/27087/response/112506/attach/9/C182810%20Appendix%20Seven%20Redacted.pdf

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paramount in any decision we make ... the reality is that without supported accommodation, people could be homeless and living on the streets or on cars. This would present an unacceptable safety risk to communities."

We strongly support the continuation of the successful Pūwhakamua programme, and hope to see the approval of resource consent for this programme in the Waikite Valley.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Helm

Executive Director | Kaitohu Hautū

NZ Drug Foundation Te Puna Whakaiti Pāmamae Kai Whakapiri

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