

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)

To: Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Name of Submitter: Ezekiel Macfarlane <i>[Full Name]</i>
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This is a submission on an application from *[name of applicant]*:

Te Tikanga Aroro Charitable trust

for a Resource Consent to *[Briefly describe the type of consent, proposed activity, and location of the resource consent]*:

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]*:

See letter attached

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 strongly support the application be granted

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

I seek that the application be approved

1. Submitter Details

Full name: Ezekiel Macfarlane

Postal address: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

2. Application Details

Application number: LU24-010243

Applicant: Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust (TACT)

Site address: 473 Puaiti Road, Ngakuru, Rotorua (Lot 1 DP 585350)

3. Submission Statement

I support the application

4. Reasons for Submission

I support the application for the following reasons:

- **Community Rehabilitation Benefits:** The proposal offers a structured, culturally grounded reintegration programme for parolees that supports their transition back into society. This is an essential step in reducing recidivism and improving long-term public safety.
- **Tikanga Māori Framework:** The facility is guided by tikanga Māori principles, which emphasise restoration, respect, and holistic wellbeing. This culturally appropriate approach can be especially meaningful and effective for Māori participants.
- **Supportive Environment:** The live-in model, with 24/7 supervision by experienced staff and collaboration with external agencies, provides a safe and controlled environment. It allows participants to access education, vocational training, and personal development opportunities that contribute to successful reintegration.
- **Positive Community Contribution:** Reintegration facilities like this are essential for reducing strain on the justice system and providing second chances. By proactively managing rehabilitation in a rural, low-density environment, the proposal minimises disruption while addressing a pressing social need.
- **Controlled Access and Screening:** The facility has clear vetting processes for participants and visitors, ensuring

that only eligible and low-risk individuals are accepted. The management plan and oversight by Community Corrections provide additional safeguards.

- **Minimal Environmental Impact:** The proposed earthworks and construction are appropriately scoped, with landscaping and service provisions planned to ensure integration with the rural setting. The scale is modest, with only 10 participants at a time.

This facility reflects a forward-thinking and socially responsible initiative that aligns with values of inclusion, rehabilitation, and community safety.

5. Decision Sought

That the application be granted

Signature:



Date: 24/06/25