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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	Donna Roberts & Kevin Adams *[Full Name]*

This is a submission on an application from *[name of applicant]:*

Tikanga Aroco 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:-

See attached

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

To decline the application

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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: 22/6/25
Address for service of Submitter: [redacted]	Telephone: [redacted]
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.

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SUBMISSION

OBJECTIONS TO TIKANGA ARORO CHARITABLE TRUST REINTIGRATION FACILITY PUAITI ROAD

We oppose the application for the following reasons:-

From the outset the trust has been dishonest in its prior dealings with regard to its earlier Lease and with purchasing this recent plot of land in Puaiti Road raising concerns about the true nature of this facility.

The trust is making an application for consent to run a business which is non compliant to the rural Zone 1A of the District Plan.

Other businesses in the area relate to servicing farming and tourism.

Prisoner reintegration is not a rural business, we live in this area because we have a rural business, we love the valley and we paid a premium to live in a safe rural environment. Prisoner reintegration does not come under this zone should not be in a rural area. There is no cultural benefit in waikite valley. The reintegration to society would be more beneficial in suburbia where there is easier access to cultural and employment opportunities together with easier access to family support.

Waikite valley Puaiti Road is a remote area at approximately 40 minutes from town meaning all emergency services police, fire and ambulance are not within easy access. These prisoners have committed serious crimes and a percentage will not reintegrate, this will impact on the safety and security of the area. Emergency services are minimum of 40 minutes away leaving the residents of waikite valley in a vulnerable state and also the prisoners. This alone would make us feel very unsafe and vulnerable to theft and worse.

Waikite Valley is not a suitable area for this facility the road infrastructure is not adequate enough for the extra volume of traffic, people walk and cycle these roads regularly, the types of people who will be attracted to this facility will find the remoteness of the residential properties easy pickings for theft, we will be made to feel very unsafe in our homes as a result.

The remoteness of the area will make it easy for prisoners to disappear into the bush. We need to uphold the integrity of the rural aspect of the zone.

If one facility is given permission this leaves concern that more will follow. This is completely against the characteristics of rural living.

What are the reasons for wanting to be in such a remote area where there is very little to nothing for people to reintegrate into, no culture, no family, no easy access to town or jobs, there is no bus service for independence the area is very remote.

We live in this area because we own and run a farming business we love the area the peaceful and safe nature we have paid a premium for the privilege of living here. We would feel not only very unsafe with the prisoner facility but the infrastructure of the area is not set up for this type of business.

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