

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: <i>Shemie (Sharon) Stokman</i> [Full Name] Received 25 JUN 2025
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This is a submission on an application from [name of applicant]:

Rotorua Lakes Council
Customer Centre

* 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 as a non complying 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]:

Please see attached Submission Sheet

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

To decline the application in its entirety

- ☒ 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: 
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.

My name is Sherrie (Sharon) Stokman, and my husband and I bought our first farm in Waikite Valley over 28 years ago. Our farm is located close to the proposed facility.

We purchased our farm in Waikite Valley because we both were raised in very rural areas, knew all the people around us, were involved in the community, and wanted the same for our children. We both have farming in our blood, and value the rural ideals and the ethics of the people that live here. Our 2 sons both attended the local school, and one of our sons, Jake, has returned to help manage our farm. His partner, Lexie, works for MSD at their home on the farm. They plan to have children soon, and raise them in the same environment they were raised in.

My main concern with the proposed facility is that the people that will be coming in to the facility, have no affiliation or connection to the area or the community, which is so important to every one here. It has always been a safe place, we help each other, wave to everyone we pass on the road, and if someone is broken down, even if we don't know them well, will stop to see what we can do to assist them.

This facility will change the way I feel and behave, knowing that people that live in the proposed facility, and their visitors, will be coming to the area for completely different reasons. The concerns for myself, and thinking of my family is that we will have to deal with any problems from these folks and are not adequately prepared to do so.

We have little phone coverage on these local roads or on our farm. We have had to put a cell booster in at our cattleyards so we can call out, which doesn't always work that well, and had to put Starlink in at two points, so we can at least message out. There is no medical service in the area, the closest being either Reporoa and Rotorua, which are both 45 minutes away. There is no local police that are in our area, once again, Reporoa (not always) and Rotorua are our closest. My husband has had a few medical incidents, a heart attack on the farm, and it took over an hour to get the help helicopter in, and another time, rolled his canam and once again, took over an hour to get St. Johns in. We can't rely on services to attend to us very quickly in an emergency. There are no fuel stations and being so far from town, folks are likely to run low on fuel, and either rely on us to help them out, or worse, help themselves to our fuel.

I feel that the facility being placed in this particular location is a very bad idea, as we are not set up for the situations that are very likely to arise from the increased activity and character of the folks that do not understand the rural community. I am very fearful for myself and my family, and my husband already has been under intense stress, and this will affect our family if and when there are incidences relating to the people in the facility.

I am opposed to the Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust being established on Puati Road.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherrie Stokman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sherrie Stokman