

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: Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Name of Submitter: The Living Waters of Waikite Valley LTD. Trading as Waikite Hot Pools Received 25 JUN 2025
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This is a submission on an application from *[name of applicant]*:

Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust

Rotorua Lakes Council
Customer Centre

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

Establish and operate a re-intergration facility for prisoners in the rural zone of Waikite Valley

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

473 Puaiti Road

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

All parts of the application

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 document

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

Decline the application for a re-integration facility in its entirety

RE: Submission for opposing a Reintegration Facility at 473 Puaiti Road

I oppose the establishment of this facility for the following reasons.

Waikite Valley Hotpools was established in 1972 having been funded and built by the residents of Waikite Valley for the purpose of a family bathing facility for its local inhabitants and surrounding areas. Today the Waikite Valley Hotpools hosts 70,000 (plus) visitors a year who come to enjoy the natural geothermal waters we have on offer, also they come to experience the location set in a rural environment. If the rural zoning laws were to change to allow a re-integration facility such as what Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust is proposing, I can foresee this would have a devastating affect on our business making visitors to the Waikite Valley Hotpools stay away, causing a loss of income resulting in potential if not inevitable job losses, not only within our business but other businesses situated with in the area reliant on the hotpools, such as guest houses, air bnb etc.

From time to time (2-3 times per annum on average) We have needed the assistance of emergency services via 111, police, fire and ambulance. Response times for these services have varied from 45 minutes – 2 hours. Having first hand experience of a situation in Easter weekend, April 2022 I tried to evict a couple of people camping illegally in the adjacent carpark of the Waikite Valley Squash club, whereby I was viciously assaulted by one of the occupants wielding (what I would describe as a slasher) who bashed me on the head leaving me fearful for not only my life, but the safety of other people situated in the carpark and adjacent campground and resulted in the perpetrator, who eventually fled and never being caught and held to account. The concerning fact from this situation, was that help was not readily available when it was needed and highlights the severity of managing emergency situations when something goes wrong in this isolated rural community.

- ☒ 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 (<i>or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter</i>):  Signer ID: SPZWIHSD15...	Date: 24-Jun-2025
Address for service of Submitter: 	Telephone: 
Contact person: <i>[name and designation, if applicable]</i> Mark Bowie	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.