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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	Lydia Van De Castle *[Full Name]*

Received
25 JUN 2025
Rotorua Lakes Council
Customer Centre

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]*:

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 it 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 on the following grounds:

PLEASE 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 in its entirety

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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: 21/06/2025
Address for service of Submitter: [redacted]	Telephone: [redacted]
Contact person: *[name and designation, if applicable]* Lydia van De Castle	Fax/email: [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.

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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Lydia Van De Castle
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20/06/2025

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Reintegration Facility in Waikite Valley

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a reintegration facility in our rural community of Waikite Valley. While I understand the need for such facilities, placing one in a quiet, close-knit and agriculturally based area is neither appropriate nor beneficial to its residents. In an area like ours it raises serious concerns for the safety, security, and well-being of residents—especially for families like mine.

As a young woman living in a rural setting, I already take every precaution to feel secure in my home. [redacted] The prospect of a reintegration facility nearby significantly increases my fear and anxiety, knowing that increased traffic, unfamiliar activity, and the risk—however small—of security breaches is not something I, or many of my neighbours, feel comfortable accepting.

Beyond our personal safety, my partner recently launched a small engineering business in this community—a leap of faith made with hope and optimism. Introducing a reintegration facility into the area threatens that dream. It raises concerns about theft, property damage, and the need to constantly "watch over one's shoulder," especially if the area experiences an uptick in unfamiliar or transient activity. For someone trying to build something meaningful in a rural area, this added burden is both unfair and disheartening.

Furthermore, we are deeply worried about the inevitable drop in property values that accompanies the development of a reintegration facility. Like many residents here, we have invested much of our savings into our home and land with the belief that we were choosing a quiet, safe place to build a future. The presence of a correctional facility could undermine that investment and limit the long-term growth and appeal of our area.

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Rural communities like ours depend on safety, stability, and the sense of trust that comes from knowing your neighbours and surroundings. A reintegration faculty simply does not belong here. I respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore locations more suited to such a facility—places with appropriate infrastructure, distance from small residential communities and where local residents' livelihoods are not at stake.

Thank you for your time and your willingness to listen to the voices of those directly impacted by this decision.

Sincerely,

Lydia Van De Castle



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