

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: Midlands Rural Transport Ltd [Full Name]
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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 in the rural zone of Puaiti Road, 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]:

The entire application.

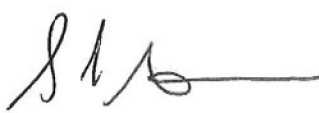
My submission is [include whether you **support or oppose** the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; and the reasons for your views]:

Please see attached.

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

To decline the application

- ☒ 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: 23/06/2025
Address for service of Submitter: 	Telephone: 
Contact person: [name and designation, if applicable] Susan Martin Director - Midlands Rural Transport	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.



We oppose the application to establish and operate a reintegration housing activity in Puaiti Road. We operate a fleet of livestock trucks and consider this location to be part of our business operations. This location is home to an active agricultural sector that relies on year-round delivery and collection of livestock. All our drivers **work alone** and are deliver stock at all hours of the day and night to the woolshed directly opposite the proposed facility, as well as other locations along Puaiti Road. We have concerns for them as our workforce includes many young women who would be particularly vulnerable in this situation. Many of these drivers sleep in their trucks after making deliveries, especially during seasonal peaks.

Introducing a facility in this isolated setting raises serious safety and wellbeing concerns for us. The lack of oversight in such a rural environment, combined with the unpredictability of transient residents, creates a risk for those who live, work, or travel through the area alone. This location does not have adequate infrastructure or emergency response access to support the additional complexity of housing ex-prisoners — particularly when it directly overlaps with the routines of vulnerable, unsupervised workers.

For these reasons, I urge decision-makers to reconsider this location.

Susan Martin

Midlands Rural Transport Ltd

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