

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: Roy Thomas Roe Received 25 JUN 2025 [Full Name]
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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]:

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

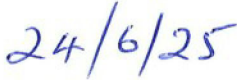
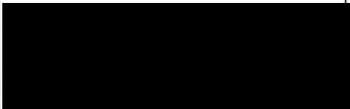
My submission is [include whether you **support or oppose** the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; and the reasons for your views]:

I oppose the application for the reasons: — Please see attached document.

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: <i>[name and designation, if applicable]</i>	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.

I submit respectfully that the reintegration facility Resource Consent on Puaiti Road applied for by Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust (TACT) be declined for the following reasons (noting that there are two main groups effected by this proposal).

Group 1 – The men reintegrating (the men)

Group 2 – The Waikite Valley Community

Firstly Group 1 (The men)

I know from personal experience that a sound integration programme is essential for men being released from prison. I do not think that this TACT programme is fit for purpose on the grounds of it's location. The isolation factor is a major issue and it cannot be changed. The background that most of these men come from is urban and being placed into such an isolated area is a set-back before even getting started.

The support networks that will be needed are many and varied and are just not available without employing a very involved logistical arrangement.

- The families of these men will face considerable time and cost impediments when wanting to visit.
- The power supply is constantly being interrupted in this area (I believe another Waikite Valley resident has provided details of the power outage situation).
- What is needed for these men is a resource that firstly shows respect for the surrounding community. The devious manner in which the land (for the proposed facility) was acquired, and the experience of the Rotokawa Bath Community shows that showing respect for the surrounding community is not a priority for TACT.
- An open and accountable attitude; again, the history of TACT at Rotokawa Baths shows little concern for being held accountable (details can be provided if required).
- Close by and readily available police support and accident and emergency services (both physical and mental) services are missing.
- Employment opportunities in the area are missing.
- Counselling services close to hand that can be accessed on their own recognisance by the men are missing.
- Cell phone coverage is limited in this area.
- There is no public transport.
- The visiting arrangements for this facility are all Saturday and Sunday, at night and "by arrangement" at other times – basically 24/7 it seems. This is absurd as it poses another level of hindrance for the men and worry for the community. (It is very important to the men trying to reintegrate with friends, communities and family that support be given to the re-building of relationships).
- Educational facilities and shopping opportunities that the men can work towards engaging with as the level in individual trust develops are missing.
- Highly qualified staff who are happy to provide accountability and build trust with both the men and the surrounding community are essential.
- A large local population that can help provide support (taxis, sports clubs, hobby clubs, doctors, dentist, marae activities, entertainment, etc) so that the men can learn to trust firstly themselves and then others as they work towards reintegrating into society is missing.

The road to reintegration is long and hard with many potential pitfalls – the granting of a resource consent for TACT to run this facility in this location is a step in the wrong direction. The men involved deserve better.

Group 2 The local community

There is considerable disquiet amongst the locals (understandably) at the prospect of having a group of life sentence and preventative detention men coming to live in the community.

- Safety is the main concern. The Community knows, as does the entire population of the country, that this is a high-risk venture that they are being possibly forced into becoming involved in.
- Safety of self, safety of wives, husbands, children, parents, grandparents, friends and other local families is front of mind when living in an isolated place where Police and ambulance service are known to be a very long time in arriving.
- The Dept of Corrections are likely to take even longer than the Police to arrive in an emergency and have limited resources to deal with a major incident.
- The isolation, travel distance, number of vehicles on the roads, movement of stock, movement of locals, will all be negatively impacted.
- Mentioned in the SIA Report was that in times of some emergency having the reintegration facility could be benefit to the community. THIS IS UTTER NONSENSE. The community has long established and efficient methods of dealing with crises – the Waikite Valley Hall, the Ngakuru Hall and two local schools provide existing hubs. Plus, the local population has more expertise and plant at its disposal than any urban zone. In any potential crisis the existence of a number of reintegrating persons is likely to elicit more worry than comfort.
- The zoning on the land involved is zoned as it is for a number of thoughtful and valid reasons. The negatives far out way the positives if the zoning is changed. It would be irresponsible and short-sighted to change the zoning. Prevention is always better than cure. Once a breach of safety has occurred and somebody is negatively impacted, it cannot be undone.

While I wish TACT, and the men working to reintegrate well, I do urge you to recognise that the proposed location in Puaiti Road is not the right location. The residents of the Waikite Valley deserve better also. I ask that the application is declined.

Thank you