



Rotorua Lakes Council  
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## **Letter of Support for Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust's Resource Consent Application**

Tēnā rā koutou,

This letter is on behalf of the Roopu Whakahaere of Whare Tukutuku to provide support for the application from Tikanga Aroro Charitable Trust (TACT) to operate a live-in residential facility in Ngakuru. Their facility will provide tāne Māori on parole with vocational, personal development, and educational opportunities through kaupapa Māori teachings. Whare Tukutuku is the National Māori Addiction Centre that sits within Te Rau Ora. Our aim is to reduce Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) harms for whānau Māori across Aotearoa. It is our strong belief that TACT's live-in residential facility will contribute to this aim.

Whare Tukutuku insights show that connection to culture is crucial for whānau Māori on their journey to hauora (wellness). The AOD workforce have also told us that availability of kaupapa Māori services is one of the biggest care gaps.

We believe that TACT's proposal is an important addition to kaupapa Māori AOD services in the Rotorua Lakes area. Their Pūwhakamua programme has been operating very successfully for the past six years, and their new purpose built residential facility will ensure that tāne Māori continue to be supported after prison in a way that reconnects them with their culture through whanaungatanga and kaupapa Māori teachings. Alongside the New Zealand Police, Department of Corrections and the Ministry of Social Development, we are happy to support this application.

Nā mātou noa, nā

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