

FORM 13

**SUBMISSION ON A PUBLICLY OR LIMITED NOTIFIED
APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT**

**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**

Section 96 Resource Management Act 1991

(Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council)

To: Chief Executive Rotorua Lakes Council Private Bag RO3029 ROTORUA	Name of Submitter: Blair Wolfgram <i>[Full Name]</i>
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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 full 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]*:

I oppose this application (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



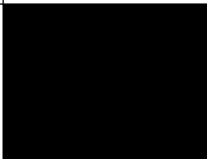
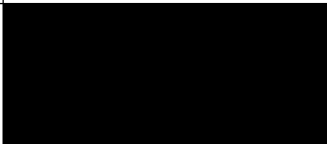
I wish to be heard in support of my submission



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 (<i>or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter</i>): 	Date: 23.06.2025
	
Contact person: <i>[name and designation, if applicable]</i> Blair Wolfram	

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.

Blair Wolfgram

1. The location of this rehabilitation facility is totally inappropriate. Rural areas lack the specialised healthcare professionals, mental health services, and addiction treatment resources required for effective rehabilitation. Without this care nearby the people trying to reintegrate into the community are missing out on the appropriate care.
2. This environment lacks the comprehensive wrap around services such as job training, counselling, and housing support, which are crucial for reducing recidivism and supporting reintegration. Isolation from the community like this may seem like a lower risk option but it is simply kicking the can down the road as it is inevitable they will need to reintegrate into an urban or semi urban environment.
3. The risk to the rural community is also heightened due to the isolated area. Should an issue arise the distance from Police or security support creates a level of risk disproportionate to the benefits of the location.
4. When planners are assessing the appropriateness of this use for the location the potential impact on direct neighbours and the surrounding community should not be underestimated. The level of anguish, fear and concern of the potential for a recidivist criminal to escape and cause harm in an isolated environment a long way from the appropriate care and support, is totally inappropriate to locate the facility away from suitably qualified prison staff, security personnel or the Police.
5. Due to rural communities being isolated issues can escalate quickly. There tend to be firearms located on the properties that should be taken into consideration when assessing the application.