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22 August 2024

RE: Resource Consent Submission

Tēnā koe Mr Fergusson,

I am writing in support of the resource consent application made for the purpose of the Residential Care Facility at 19A Baird Road, Opotiki.

The Pou Oranga Whaiora Methamphetamine residential service is an essential service for Opotiki and the whole Eastern Bay of Plenty. This service was co-designed with input from a wide range of stakeholders, including community members, whānau with lived experience, rangatahi, frontline practitioners, government agencies, NGOs, and the Police. Statistics highlight that Ōpōtiki and Kawerau have the highest rates of methamphetamine use per capita in New Zealand.

Te Pou Oranga Whaiora is a newly established service, funded through the Ministry of Justice's Proceeds of Crime Fund, aimed at reducing methamphetamine-related harm in the Eastern Bay of Plenty region.

In partnership with Te Whatu Ora, Te Aka Whai Ora, the Eastern Bay Iwi Provider Alliance, and the New Zealand Police (Bay of Plenty), Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea successfully proposed the development, implementation, and delivery of the Te Pou Oranga Whaiora service. This initiative is being carried out in collaboration with the Eastern Bay Iwi Provider Alliance, which includes Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau, Te Tohu o Te Ora o Ngāti Awa, Tūhoe Hauora, and Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea.

The goals of the new service are to:

- Achieve a sustained reduction in methamphetamine-related harm and other substance-related harm, leading to fewer family harm incidents and a decrease in local criminal activity.
- Collaborate with the New Zealand Police to shift focus towards prevention rather than enforcement.

- Empower tangata whaiora (individuals seeking wellbeing) and their whānau to improve their health and social wellbeing.

- Partner with local health agencies and other services, such as Whānau Ora, to strengthen access pathways for tangata whaiora and their whānau to receive support from various health and social services.

As a person who has held an imperative position in the community with regards to providing adequate support to the people of Whakatōhea, to those of the community of Ōpōtiki and the surrounding communities, I fully endorse this resource consent.

Nga Mihi,



Dickie Farrar
Chief Executive Officer
Te Tāwharau o Te Whakatōhea

Submission on resource consent application

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Submitter details

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Application details

Application number	RC2024 - 31		
Full name of applicant(s)	Tim Fergusson		
Address of proposed activity	19A Baird Road, Opotiki		
Description of proposed activity			

Submission details

My/our submission:

- Supports the application
 Opposes the application
 Neutral regarding the application

The specific parts of the application to which my/our submission relates to are:

The reasons for my/our submission are:

The decision I/we would like Ōpōtiki District Council to make is (including, if relevant, the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought):

Submission at the hearing

- I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission.
- I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission.
- If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.


Information for submitters

Ōpōtiki District Council must receive this submission before the date and time indicated. You must also provide a copy of this submission to the applicant at the applicant’s address for service as soon as reasonably practicable.


All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind about attending the hearing, please phone Ōpōtiki District Council so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Privacy information: Ōpōtiki District Council requires the information provided on this form to process your submission under the RMA and to collect statistics. The council will hold and store the information, including all associated reports and attachments, on a public register. The details may also be made available to the public on the council’s website. These details are collected to inform the general public and community groups about all consents that have been processed or issued through the council. If you would like to request access to, or correction of any details, please contact the council.

Declaration

Submitter’s signature		Date	22/08/2024
Submitter’s signature		Date	
Submitter’s signature		Date	

Declaration for the agent authorised to sign on behalf of the submitter

Agent’s full name	Te Tauhara o te Whakatohea.		
Agent’s signature		Date	22/08/2024