**8 October 2021: Restore Rotorua says to Council CEO: “Stop and fix the emergency housing problems in CBD before the Court makes you “**

Trevor Newbrook, Spokesperson for Restore Rotorua, said that the Council urgently needs to give all 6 of the resource consent applications it is currently considering for emergency housing in the CBD to an independent commissioner to determine notification.  This provides assurance that a neutral and objective expert is assessing the applications.

“The Council needs to notify and let the most affected comment. Otherwise they will keep making the wrong decisions.”

“Intensive permanent residence (as cf tourist accommodation) with 2 adults, 2 children and a dog in a small studio unit and inadequate open space is not good for emergency tenants and it’s not good for Rotorua’s CBD. It is the worst of all worlds for everyone.”

“The 6 applications along with the Boulevard Motel Consent already granted are all concentrated within a 2km radius.”

“The Council also needs to bundle the 6 consents together, along with any other, and Boulevard to allow for the full effects to be ascertained. The Council needs to address the global issues raised by these individual consents.”

“Council keeps waving through KO and MHUD applications for transitional and emergency housing without looking at the cumulative adverse environmental effects of all of these applications. Not as single applications, and without any or adequate conditions.”

“You are killing our tourism industry. You are pushing businesses over just when they need RLC support with all of the ongoing fallout from COVID.”

“NERA’s economic report doesn’t lie. (Report attached). Look at the facts. They are far worse than I ever thought, but that’s what happens when you objectively measure.”

“Common sense needs to prevail.”

“The Council needs to do its job properly or you are pushing Rotorua residents to seek outside intervention to make you.”

**Trevor Newbrook**

**Chair of Restore Rotorua Incorporated**

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