

**Before Independent Hearings Commissioners  
Rotorua Lakes Council**

**In the matter of      13 applications for resource consent for  
contracted emergency housing by Te Tūāpapa  
Kura Kāinga Ministry of Housing and Urban  
Development**

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**Statement of evidence by Boon Tan**

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# Statement of evidence by Boon Tan

## 1 Introduction

1.1 Name : Boon Tan, Business Owner New Castle Motor Lodge

## 2 New Castle Motor Lodge

2.1 We have been the business owner for New Castle Motor Lodge for 9 years, since Sept 2013.

2.2 Our occupancy rate varies on an average; 100% in summer, 60% in Autumn and Spring, 30 % in Winter.

## 3 Contracted Emergency Housing

3.1 We started EH during the first Lock down in NZ, Apr 2020 ( for a duration of 5 months). We went into contract again in Jul 2021. It has been 2 years since our initial contract with HUD.

There is zero business/income when NZ went into Lock down in Mar 2020, we have to seek alternatives income in order to survive.

3.2 If we have not chosen the path to do EH under HUD, our motel business would have wrap up during the initial Lock down. The wage subsidy given by govt at that point in time is appreciated but it can barely cover only 10% of the monthly fix expenses of the motel operation.

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BOON Tan (New Castle Motor Lodge)

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