

Draft Local Alcohol Policy

Summary of Information

What this is all about

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) was enacted by Parliament in December 2012, with the purpose of reducing alcohol-related harm in New Zealand.

The Act enables us to develop a local alcohol policy for the Thames-Coromandel District, and sets requirements for the development of such a policy and what it may contain.

If we have a local alcohol policy, the District Licensing Committee and Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority must have regard to the local alcohol policy when making alcohol licensing decisions for the Thames-Coromandel.

We have developed a draft Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) in accordance with the Act, to set alcohol licensing criteria considered appropriate for when, where, and how alcohol is sold or supplied.

Whilst it is not mandatory for us to develop a local alcohol policy, doing so does enable you - our community - to have more input into how licenced premises can sell and supply alcohol in your community.

The Act is quite specific about what can be included in a local alcohol policy and what information we must have regard to in the development of a draft local alcohol policy. These requirements are outlined in more detail in the draft Policy (part of the Statement of Proposal).

A brief summary of the reasoning for the policy criteria we have proposed is outlined in the Statement of Proposal.

Summary of Proposals

The draft Local Alcohol Policy proposes conditions for each of the four types of alcohol licences (off-licences, on-licences, club licences, and special licences). What each licence means and the proposed conditions for each licence type are as follows:

Off-Licences

An off-licence is a licence that allows the sale of alcohol from the premises for consumption or delivery elsewhere. Common examples include supermarkets and bottle stores.

Proposed conditions in our draft Local Alcohol Policy:

- ▶ Maximum trading hours: Monday to Sunday, 7am - 9pm.
- ▶ There are a number of discretionary conditions that **may** be applied on a case by case basis - please see the full draft Local Alcohol Policy for an indicative list.

On-Licences

An on-licence is a licence that allows the sale and supply of alcohol on a premises for consumption on the premises. Common examples include taverns/pubs, restaurants, and hotels.

Proposed conditions in our draft Local Alcohol Policy:

- ▶ Maximum trading hours: Monday to Sunday -
 - From 01 April to 30 November: 7am - 1am the next day.
 - From 01 December to 31 March: 7am - 2am the next day.
 - Hotel mini bars are exempt from the above limits.
 - Hotel bar facilities that cater for hotel guests and/or the general public must comply with the above maximum trading hours for on-licences.
- ▶ There are a number of discretionary conditions that **may** be applied on a case by case basis - please see the full draft Local Alcohol Policy for an indicative list.

Club Licences

A club licence is a licence that allows the sale and supply of alcohol to customers who are members, invited guests or visitors to the club concerned.

Proposed conditions in our draft Local Alcohol Policy:

- ▶ Maximum trading hours: Monday to Sunday, 7am - 1am the next day.
- ▶ There are a number of discretionary conditions that **may** be applied on a case by case basis - please see the full draft Local Alcohol Policy for an indicative list.

Special Licences

A special licence is a licence that allows the sale and supply of alcohol for consumption either on-site to people attending an event described on the special licence; or off-site for consumption elsewhere.

Proposed condition(s) in our draft Local Alcohol Policy:

- ▶ To be considered and determined at the time of application.
- ▶ There are a number of discretionary conditions that **may** be applied on a case by case basis - please see the full draft Local Alcohol Policy for an indicative list.

Proposed changes to what occurs currently

- ▶ Reduction in maximum trading hours for off-licences, by two hours in the evening (proposed: 9pm. Current: 11pm).
- ▶ Extension of maximum trading hours for on-licences during summer months (01 December - 31 March), by one hour at close of trading time (proposed end time: 2am the next day. Current end time: 1am the next day). Note: during other times (01 April - 30 November) close of trading time is proposed to remain at 1am the next day.

Have your say

Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with what we are proposing by making a submission.

Submission forms and a full copy of the Statement of Proposal and draft Local Alcohol Policy are available:

- ▶ online at the Council's website: www.tcdc.govt.nz/lap
- ▶ at the Council offices and Libraries
- ▶ by phoning (07) 868 0200 and requesting a copy.

Submissions close at 4pm on 14 November 2013.

Once you have completed your submission, you can:

- ▶ enter it online at www.tcdc.govt.nz/lap
- ▶ post it to Thames-Coromandel District Council, Private Bag, Thames
- ▶ email it to customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz
- ▶ fax it to (07) 868 0234
- ▶ deliver it to one of the Council offices in Thames, Coromandel, Whitianga or Whangamata.

If you have any queries regarding this proposal or about how to make a submission please contact Customer Services on 07 868 0200 or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Please note that only those that make a submission to the draft Local Alcohol Policy during the consultation period will be able to make an appeal against any element of the provisional policy (when it is developed and during the appeal process).