

Functions of the Waikato District Licensing Committee

Annual Report for the 12 month period ending 30 June 2023

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires the Waikato District Council submit an annual report. This report is for the 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 licensing period. The information detailed in this report is based on an information request from ARLA for this annual return.

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Waikato District Licensing Committee

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Licences 2022/2023

Licence Type	New Licence	Licence Renewed	Licence Refused
On Licence	7	25	0
Off Licence	11	15	0
Club Licence	1	7	0

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Managers Certificates 2022/2023

Number Issued (New)	102
New Applications Refused	0
Number Renewed	110
Number Renewals Refused	0
Number of Applications Withdrawn	7

As of 30 June 2023, there were 70 On-Licences, 58 Off-Licences and 47 Clubs holding a licence within the Waikato licensing district.

Comments on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2022-2023

No comment

New Initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2022/2023

Different approach to sending unopposed applications to hearing than may have existed previously but unsure if that has had a tangible change in number of hearings.

Has your Territorial Authority developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

Yes, at 30 June 2023, the Local Alcohol Policy was under appeal with ARLA.

Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its objective. Note: the objective of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that: A) The sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and B) The harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

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Commissioner 1: Am unaware as to whether the Act is failing in the Waikato area.

Commissioner 2: A concerning increase in the availability of buy-now-pay-later services at off-licence outlets, which could serve to increase consumption and related harm, particularly in vulnerable communities

What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

Commissioner 1: Reduction in independent or single premise operators and increase in multi premise type businesses including under franchise type agreements.

Commissioner 2: The ability of off-licences that are licensed in one territorial authority to sell to customers in other territorial authorities, regardless of any local alcohol policy conditions that might be in place in the location of the customer. For instance, where one TA has restricted off-licence hours under a LAP, licensees from other TAs can sell into the LAP area at any time under the hours in force for their own licence, which may not be consistent with the LAP in the customer's location.

What changes to practices and procedures under the Act (if any) would you find beneficial?

More use of site / locality premise specific conditions I believe would be beneficial.