

DECISION NUMBER

1471/2020

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **AHURIRI HOSPITALITY LIMITED** for an On-Licence pursuant to section 100 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of the premises situated at 10A West Quay, Ahuriri, Napier and known as “Water Bar”.

BEFORE THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The application for a new On-Licence was advertised in the Hawkes Bay Today on the 14 and 21 November 2020; together with statutory signage on the building. No objections were received and no s. 103 reports noted any opposition.

Therefore, the matter is considered by the Napier District Licensing Commissioner on the papers contained in the full file provided by the secretary in accordance with the provisions of s.202 (1) and 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Commissioner:Stuart Hylton

RESERVED DECISION OF THE NAPIER DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Application

- (1) The application was made on the 6 November 2020 on the prescribed form. The application seeks to establish a new license for an existing premise that has existed as a licensed establishment of various sorts since the early 70’s. The premises at 10a West Quay, Ahuriri, Napier, and is accessed off West Quay.

The general nature of the business will continue to be a ‘tavern style’ ON-licence. The applicant has been operating under a Temporary Authority and seeks their own substantive licence due to a change of ownership.

- (2) The premises is owned by Rodney Green who has given lease and permission for this application. The licensed area is the ground floor of the building as previously licensed and has a large central area, gaming room and outdoor area as defined on plan date stamped by NCC on 6th November 2020.
- (3) The applicant is an incorporated company with two directors/shareholders.
- (4) The premise will be known as ‘Water Bar’ and is seeking to remain ‘supervised’ throughout apart from gaming lounge which will be ‘restricted’.
- (5) The complete file that the District Licensing Committee received included evidence that the following was provided as part of the application –
 - The application
 - Certificate of incorporation

- Floor plan
- A s. 100(f) RMA/ Building Act compliance letter from Council
- Letter from applicant's landlord agreeing to the application to be licensed.
- Letter from landlord representative as having the necessary evacuation scheme
- Copy of public notice on the building
- Host Responsibility Policy
- Full menu
- Public Advert wording
- Reports from Police, Medical Officer of Health and Inspector

Decision Making

(6) In considering this application for On-Licence the District licensing Committee (here in after referred to as the 'Committee') had regard to the criteria specified under s. 105 of the Act.

(7) **the object of this Act:**

This is a change of ownership within an existing licensed premise. The applicant provided a Host Responsibility Policy that shows how alcohol will be sold in a responsible manner under the licence. If followed this should ensure the object of the Act continues to be complied with. The applicant has been operating under a temporary authority with no apparent issues noted.

(8) **the suitability of the applicant:**

The applicant, Ahuriri Hospitality Limited, is an incorporated company with two directors/shareholders. The directors/shareholder have an interest to ensure the licence is a success and the statutory responsibilities are adhered to. The Inspector reports there has been no previous issues with the applicant under the temporary authority.

Two certified managers are named for the licence application. This is seen as adequate.

(9) The inspector and reporting agencies do not challenge suitability of the applicant and neither do I.

(10) **any relevant local alcohol policy:**

The Napier LAP has been adopted. The inspector has noted that the application accords with the LAP provided it has a one way door condition from 2.00am onwards.

(11) **the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:**

The applicant has applied for the following days and hours –

- **Monday to Sunday, 8.00am to 3.00am the following day,**

These are the same hours that have operated under the previous licence and they accord with the national default maximum trading hours.

(12) **the design and layout of any proposed premises:**

The application included a floor plan that shows the area to be licensed. The whole of the licensed premise is to be designated 'supervised' which is supported by the inspector.

- (13) **whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes on the premises to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods:**

No.

- (14) **whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, to more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:**

Within the agency reports there are no concerns about the possible reduction in amenity and good order from any licence issue.

The premise is an existing use in an appropriately zoned area which should ensure the amenity and good order of the locality are not effected by more than a minor extent.

- (15) **whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality are already so badly affected by the effects of the issue of existing licences that—**

(i) **they would be unlikely to be reduced further (or would be likely to be reduced further to only a minor extent) by the effects of the issue of the licence; but**

(ii) **it is nevertheless desirable not to issue any further licences:**

No concerns raised.

- (16) **whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law:**

If the host responsibility policy is followed the licence holder should have no problems with compliance. The applicant has taken their licensing responsibilities seriously previously and there is no reason to suggest this will not continue.

Reporting Agencies

- (17) The following reports were received under section 103 of the Act.

- (18) **Police** – Report received on 18 November 2020, offering no opposition.

- (19) **Medical Officer of Health** - Report received on 11 November 2020, offering no opposition.

- (20) **Licensing Inspector**

Full report dated 10 December 2020. The inspector provided a comprehensive report into the application, has met the applicant and concluded that the application is complete, appears to meet the criteria for a new on-licence and therefore has no opposition to the application. The inspector has suggested possible conditions.

Committees Decision and Reason

- (21) Based on the evidence provided to me within the complete file, lack of opposition from the relevant agencies, my assessment above, I conclude that the application meets the s. 105 criteria under the Act to be granted an on-licence for the premise situated at 10A West Quay, Napier and known as 'Water Bar'.

- (22) Accordingly the application is **approved** for issue for one year subject to the conditions identified in the Inspectors report.

3 Decision

Accordingly the application is **Approved** for issue from this date.

Dated at Napier District this 14 December 2020.

Signed



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Stuart Hylton
Napier District Licensing Commissioner