



Statement of Proposal

Food Business Grading Bylaw review

Reason for the proposal

Under the Local Government Act 2002 the Food Business Grading Bylaw is due for review with Council proposing a number of changes to the Bylaw with the option of also revoking the Bylaw.

Key aspects of the proposal

The proposal seeks feedback from the public on whether Council should continue to have the Bylaw to provide food premises with a grade or have the Bylaw revoked.

The purpose of the Bylaw is to allow the community to make informed decisions on food businesses based on the grading system and support Council's role in monitoring food businesses.

The grade is calculated using an appendix which is located within the Bylaw. Assigning a food premises a grade using this matrix allows for the public to make a decision based on this which is a reflection of the quality of the premises operation.

The proposal includes amendments to the Bylaw which is the removal of the sections for staff training and staff sickness policies. The reason for this is that there are already regulations set out at a central level that apply to food premises that would receive a food grade.

If Council discontinue having the Bylaw food premises would still need to meet a number of requirements to be able to operate.

Implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

The proposed amendment to the Bylaw does not place unreasonable limitation on rights established under the Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Submissions

Written submissions from the community may be made from 30 August 2021 and are open until noon 30 September 2021.

Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton^{1*}, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a form be posted* to you by calling 0800 422 522.

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Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral submission. Oral submissions are scheduled for 14 October 2021* at the Council Chambers in Marton. You need to indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission. Staff will make contact with submitters wishing to speak to their submissions to accommodate to COVID-19 restriction levels which may include presenting² via phone or video calling.

Further information

Further information, including a submission form, is available at the following places:

- Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
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- *Council's Main Office in Marton
- By calling 0800 422 522

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