

Turakina Community Committee

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3 October 2019

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Tēnā koe Ross

Marking Waitangi Day in your community

Waitangi Day is a time for reflection on the bicultural foundations of our modern nation and how we value the contribution of all cultures who are represented in New Zealand today, both tangata whenua and tangata tiriti. Waitangi Day commemorations are important to the growth of our national identity for bringing people together in acknowledgement of our shared histories.

This is a day that should be commemorated not only at Waitangi, where the Treaty was first signed, but throughout the country, to recognise that the Treaty itself travelled, and that its impact is part of the fabric of our entire nation.

In many centres annual Waitangi Day events are well established and enjoyed by thousands of New Zealanders. However, there are some parts of the country where people do not have the opportunity to participate in such events.

I encourage local councils, iwi and community groups to work together to design and run events to commemorate Waitangi Day. It is my hope that we will see events organised throughout the country so that all New Zealanders have the opportunity to participate in an event on Waitangi Day, or on the local anniversary of the Treaty signing.

The Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund provides funding for events that commemorate the signing of te Tiriti o Waitangi. Applications for the Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund are now open, and must be submitted by 14 October 2019. For more information on the Fund criteria, please visit the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's website: mch.govt.nz/funding-nz-culture/ministry-grants-awards/commemorating-waitangi-day-fund.

I look forward to hearing about all the exciting events that are being planned for Waitangi Day 2020.

Nāku me ngā mihi

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

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Report

Subject: **Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy review**

To: Turakina Community Committee

From: George Forster

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Committee of the draft Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy that Council has adopted for public consultation. This report provides feedback from the pre-consultation process on the review of the Policy and what is being proposed.
- 1.2 A review of the TAB Venue Policy was conducted alongside the Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and Council determined that they would adopt the TAB Venue Policy without amendment. This means Council will continue to not permit and standalone TAB venues to established in the Rangitikei District.
- 1.3 As per legislation, Council is required to carry out a review of its gambling policies.

2 Context

- 2.1 The Rangitikei District currently has 58 electronic gaming machines (pokies) operating out of 5 different venues scattered across Bulls, Marton, Hunterville and Taihape. The policies were last reviewed in 2016. The review saw the Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy continue to have a cap which is set at 83. The TAB Venue Policy continued to not allow any standalone venues in the District.

The key findings from the social impact assessment are as follows:

- Total grants to the district for the period 01/01/18 until 30/06/19 was \$781,518.88
- Rangitikei lost \$61.27 per head for the 2019 March quarter. This is the 43rd highest loss out of the 67 territorial authorities. At the time of the last review for the March quarter loss per head was \$60.98.
- Total number of pokies have decreased from 85 in 2013 down to 58 as of 30 June 2019
- The total number of venues has decreased from 8 in 2013 down to 5 as of 30 June 2019
- Rangitikei has no Standalone TAB venues
- Gambling positively contributes to our local economy, and for the majority of people who do not have a gambling problem can be a form of entertainment.
- Marton and Hunterville have a deprivation level of 9, Taihape 8 and Bulls 7.

2.2 As a part of this review officers have carried out pre-engagement with the following groups:

- New Zealand Racing Board;
- Corporate societies who have provided grants to the district in the last 18 months
- Existing Class 4 venues;
- Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand (PGFNZ);
- Nga Tai O Te Awa (NTOTA);
- Healthy Families;
- Whanganui District Health Board;
- True Legal;
- Council regulatory officers; and
- Youth Council

2.3 There were two views on the direction Council should take with the review of the Gambling Venues Policy (Class 4). One was to have a more restrictive policy and the other was to keep it the same or similar to the current policy.

3 Conclusions

- 3.1 Council resolved to consult on either continuing with having a cap on machines or to switch to a sinking lid. Each option has both advantages and disadvantages which is why Council seeks feedback on both options.
- 3.2 Council's current Gambling venue (Class 4) policy is generally permissive in terms of enabling new venues to be established and in providing for gaming machines to be replaced up to the specified limit.
- 3.3 Availability of, and access to, gaming machines in Class 4 venues is one of the main contributing factors to the incidence of problem gambling.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the report "Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy review" report to the Turakina Community Committee on 3 October 2019 be received.

George Forster
Policy Advisor

Earlier in 2019 Council undertook its Annual Residents Survey. Part of which the purpose is to set Council's improvements plan for the upcoming year. While the feedback gathered has provided Council with useful graphs showing various levels of satisfaction, what has been less forthcoming is feedback on how Council can improve those statistics. In order to help us better service the community we are asking the Committee to offer specific improvement ideas for Council to consider. The following aspects of the survey being the most relevant to Turakina.

Public Toilet

There was a level of dissatisfaction with the Public Toilet in Turakina. What specific suggestions could Council consider to increase levels of satisfaction for this facility?

Administration Buildings

What specific improvements can you offer to increase satisfaction levels of the Marton Administration Building?

Libraries

There was a level of dissatisfaction with both the Marton and Bulls libraries, can you offer specific improvements ideas that Council could undertake to improve these results?

Wastewater

What specific aspects of the wastewater service do you think Council needs to focus on?

Customer service

While there was a high level of respondent's satisfied or very satisfied with Council's customer service there was still a reasonable portion that had a neutral response. What specific improvements could Council make to increase customer service satisfaction?

Elected members

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral when asked the level of satisfaction with Elected members response timeframes and handling of the queries, why do you think this might be?

Communication and Publications

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral for Council communication and publications, what specific improvements could Council make in this area?

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