

Hearing Panel Report on Submissions on Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Council Alcohol Ban Bylaw 2014.

Purpose

To report on the Hearing Panel's consideration of submissions received on the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Council Alcohol Ban Bylaw 2014.

Resolution

On the motion of Councillors Stammers-Smith and MacLeod it was resolved:

- 1. That the panel recommends to Council that the Queenstown Lakes District Council Alcohol Ban Bylaw 2014 be adopted without amendments; and**
- 2. That staff be instructed to request police to monitor the level of crime and disorder which has been made worse by alcohol consumption to assist in any future review of the Alcohol Ban Bylaw 2014.**

Mel Gazzard



Title: Chair of Hearings Panel

26/11/2014

BACKGROUND

On 25 September 2014, Council resolved to undertake public consultation on the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Council Alcohol Ban Bylaw 2014.

Councillors Gazzard, Stammers-Smith and MacLeod were appointed to hear submission received.

Submissions closed on the 29 October 2014.

A hearing was held on 10 November for submissions received and deliberations followed.

The hearings panel have considered the public submissions and are now in a position to recommend to Council the form of bylaw to be adopted.

Submissions

In total 9 submissions were received (Attachment A), with two submitters requesting to appear, with all other submitters declining the option of appearing at the hearing.

Submissions ranged from support, opposition and partial support/partial opposition. The matters raised were:

- No change to the current ban times or locations;
- Amend the times as recommended by the Police i.e. 8pm to 8am the following day;
- More policing of the ban areas;
- Only have the ban over New Year;
- Establish a ban every day;
- Concern regarding the behaviour of some individuals on the beach and the image of Queenstown;
- No control over the amount of alcohol consumption, in contrast to licensed premises;
- The need to define what was required to fulfil the Local Government Act's [LGA] need for evidence of a *'high level of crime and disorder made worse by the consumption of alcohol'*;
- To allow a period of additional evidence collection.

Deliberations

The hearing panel considered each of the matters raised (Attachment B) and determined the Bylaw should be adopted in its current form without amendment.

Attachments

- A Submissions Received
- B Minutes of the hearing and deliberations