



**PROPOSED LOCAL APPROVED
PRODUCTS POLICY 2015
(PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES)**

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF
PROPOSAL**

Reasons for a Locally Approved Products Policy

The purpose of the draft policy is to establish where the retail sale of psychoactive substances could be undertaken within Queenstown Lakes District, following consideration by the Ministry of Health Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority when granting licenses.

Why this proposed Policy?

Council considered a range of options, including not having a policy and only using existing legislation, the development of a new bylaw and the amending the district plan. However, having taking into account the feedback from pre-consultation and, as Council cannot adopt an LAPP that bans the sale of psychoactive substances, Council considers the proposed policy is the most effective method to achieve Councils objectives to:

- Protect the health of, and minimise harm to, individuals who use psychoactive products;
- Minimise the exposure and potential for harm to users of “sensitive sites” within the community; and to
- Ensure the Council and community have influence over the location and density of retailers of approved products across the district

Key Policy Criteria

- a) Retail premises are permitted in the Town Centre Zones only;
- b) The sale of approved psychoactive substances are not permitted within the following specified distances of ‘sensitive sites’:
 - i) 200 meters of a school;
 - ii) 30 meters of a licensed premises;
 - iii) 25 meters of all other sensitive sites.
- c) Retail premises from which approved products may be sold are not permitted within 50 meters of another retail premises from which approved products may be sold.

The separation distances are to be measured from the nearest legal boundary of each sensitive site or retail premises.