

**Governance and Administration  
Committee's**

**Sale and Supply of Alcohol  
(Renewal of Licences)**

**Amendment Bill (No. 2) AND  
Supplementary Order Paper  
No. 14**

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## **Submitter details**

1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Maui. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on *the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Renewal of Licences) Amendment Bill (No. 2) AND Supplementary Order Paper No. 14*.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.

## **General Comments**

3. NMH supports the overall intention of the Bill to minimise alcohol-related harm. The development of Local Alcohol Policies give local residents the ability to tailor rules specific to their areas as appropriate.
4. NMH has read the Southern District Health Board's submission on the Amendment Bill (No. 2) AND Supplementary Order Paper No. 14. NMH agrees with Southern District Health Board's submission points regarding Supplementary Order Paper No. 14. NMH does not support the changes proposed in the Supplementary Order Paper that will restrict the Bill's effect to off-licence renewals only. NMH reiterates Southern District Health's point that alcohol-related harm is associated with both on and off license premises. Restricting the Bill to only off license premises will reduce the effectiveness of the Local Alcohol Policies in relation to existing on-licences.
5. NMH recommends that the Bill applies to the renewal of all licenses.
6. NMH notes that clause 5 of the Bill states that a licensing authority or licensing committee *may* refuse to renew a licence if the renewal would be inconsistent with policies set out in any relevant local alcohol policy; and that the licensing authority or licensing committee *may* impose conditions. Local Alcohol policies have been enacted so that communities can have decisions over alcohol rules in their areas. In order to strengthen the position of Local Alcohol policies in decision making processes, it is more appropriate that the Bill ensures that licensing authorities or licensing committees give effect to any relevant Local Alcohol Policies.

7. NMH recommends that the wording of the Bill be altered as follows:

S133 (1) a licensing authority or licensing committee ~~may~~ must *refuse to renew a licence if the renewal of the licence...would be inconsistent with policies...that are contained in any relevant local alcohol policy.*

S133 (2) a licensing authority or licensing committee ~~may~~ must *impose particular conditions on any licence it renews if the renewal of the licence...would be inconsistent with policies...that are contained in any relevant local alcohol policy.*

### **Recommendations**

8. A summary of the recommendations is below:

- a. The changes implemented by Supplementary Order Paper 14 are not adopted, and the Bill applies to all licence renewals.
- b. The wording of Section 133 (1) and (2) is amended as follows

“a licensing authority or licensing committee ~~may~~ must”

### **Conclusion**

9. NMH does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

10. NMH thanks the Governance and Administration Committee's for the opportunity to comment on the *Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Renewal of Licences) Amendment Bill (No. 2) AND Supplementary Order Paper No. 14.*

Yours sincerely



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