

Share your thoughts on the Local Alcohol Policy 2026

Personal details

Full name: _____ (Required)

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Do you want to receive emails from Council about future engagements? YES ☐ NO ☐

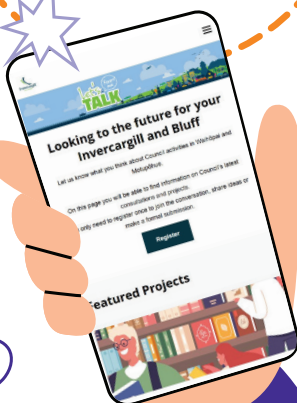
Do you wish to speak to Elected Members about your submission at a hearing? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you agree with the proposed Local Alcohol Policy? YES ☐ NO ☐ YES with Amendments ☐



To learn more about the Local Alcohol Policy scan the QR code below or read the supplied FAQs sheets.

Alternatively, you can also email the policy team at policy@icc.govt.nz



Submissions close 5pm, 18 February 2026.





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Q1: OFF-LICENCE OPENING HOURS

a. Do you agree with reducing maximum trading hours to 7am-10pm? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Council also considered:

- no change, retain maximum hours of 7am-11pm
- reduce maximum trading hours to 9am-9pm
- reduce maximum trading hours to 7am-9pm

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?

Q2: SENSITIVE PREMISES

a. Do you agree with adding marae to the list of sensitive premises, extending the relevant distance to 100m, and clarifying that consultation will not be needed for new licences due only to a change in ownership of existing premises? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Council also considered:

- no change
- also add healthcare facilities to the list of sensitive premises
- introduce a ban on new licences in proximity to sensitive premises.

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?

Q3: DISCRETIONARY CONDITIONS

a. Do you agree with adding a restriction on any new external alcohol-related signage to be no more than 50% of the external area of the premises, and adding a condition that the consumption of alcohol on designated areas of the footpath end by 11pm? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Council also considered:

- add a restriction on the use of glass containers at special licence events
- add a restriction on the use of "buy now, pay later" services
- add a restriction on the sale of single serve drinks at off-licences
- add a restriction on the maximum number of drinks per serve for special licences
- amend the existing discretionary condition on staffing for club licences to require a certified manager to be on duty when alcohol is being sold or supplied after 8pm or when patron numbers exceed 50 people

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?



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Q4: LOCATION OF PREMISES IN BROAD AREAS

a. Do you agree with making no change on this topic? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Do you have any further comments?

Q5: LOCATION OF PREMISES IN PROXIMITY TO OTHER PREMISES

a. Do you agree with making no change on this topic? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Council also considered:

- introduce a minimum distance of 400m between licensed premises

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?

Q6: ISSUING FURTHER LICENCES

a. Do you agree with making no change on this topic? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Council also considered:

- introduce a freeze on new off-licences being issued in areas of high deprivation

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?

Q7: ON-LICENCE TRADING HOURS

a. Do you agree with making no change on this topic? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Do you have any further comments?

Q8: CLUB LICENCE TRADING HOURS

a. Do you agree with making no change on this topic? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Council also considered:

- reduce maximum trading hours for club licences to 9am-1am

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?

Please attach extra sheets of paper if required.





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Q9: SPECIAL LICENCE TRADING HOURS

a. Do you agree with making no change on this topic? ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. Do you have any further comments?

Q10: OTHER MATTERS

Council considered:

- introduce a one-way door restriction
- introduce a ban on special licenses for events on school grounds or focussed on children/young people
- require high risk events applying for a special licence to consult with drug checking services
- require new on-licence applications to be accompanied by a Social Impact Assessment report

Do you have any comments on these alternatives?

Is there anything else you want to tell us about the proposed policy?

