



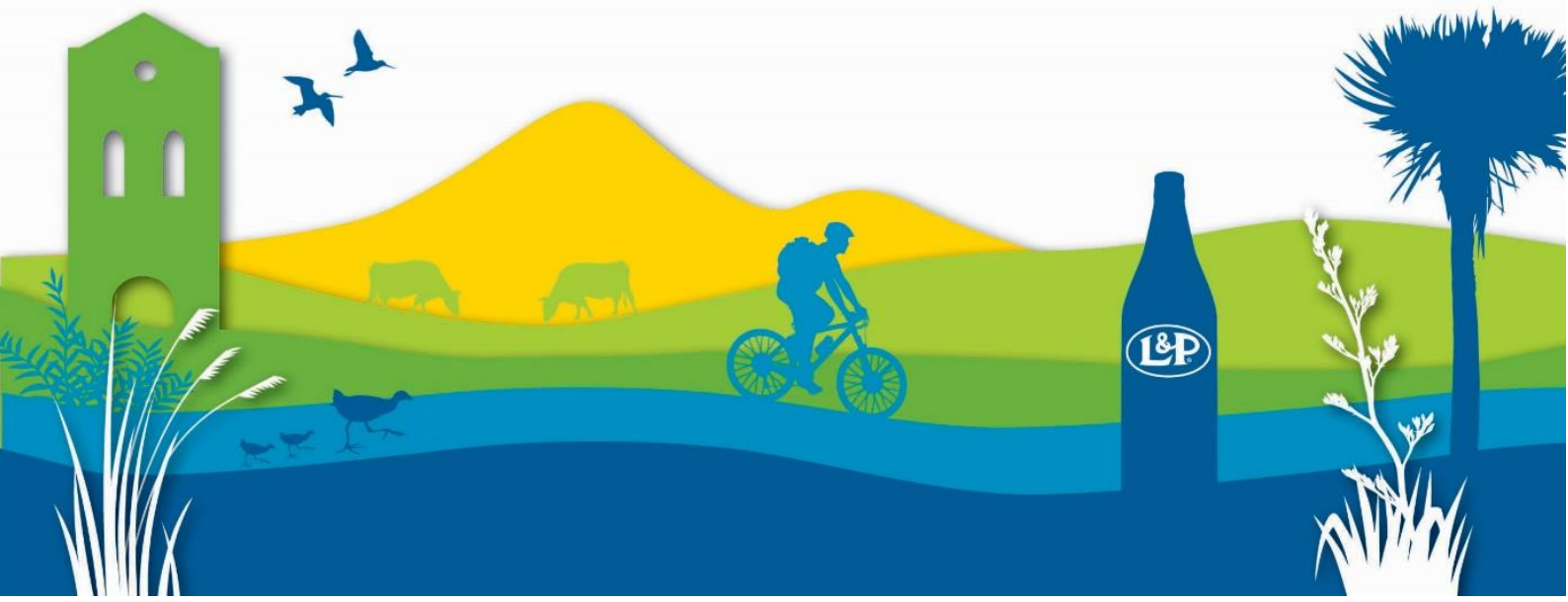
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Gambling Policy

Class 4 and TAB venues

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Gambling Policy (policy) sets out the Hauraki District Council's decision on its responsibilities in relation to class 4 and TAB venues occurring within the Hauraki District. It is made in accordance with Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020 (the Acts).
- 1.2. The Acts specify certain responsibilities for councils in relation to the class 4 and TAB venues occurring within their districts, and requires Council to adopt a policy in accordance with these responsibilities.
- 1.3. The Gambling Act 2003 states that the class 4 venues policy:
 - a. **must** specify whether or not class 4 venues may be established in the territorial authority district and if so, where they may be located; and
 - b. **may** specify any restrictions on the maximum number of gaming machines that may operate at class 4 venues.
 - c. **may** include a relocation policy.
- 1.4. The Racing Industry Act 2020 states that the agency venue policy **must** specify whether new TAB venues may be established in the District and if so where they may be located.
- 1.5. In accordance with the Acts, the Department of Internal Affairs has overall responsibility for managing the licensing of class 4 and TAB venues.
- 1.6. This policy should be read in accordance with the definitions outlined in section 6.
- 1.7. An assessment of the social impacts of gambling (3482521) was undertaken in August 2024 which helped inform the review of this policy.
- 1.8. The Council will continue to engage relevant stakeholders prior to each policy review in order to gather the following information and establish trends:
 - i. Monitoring of social effects of gambling in the District;
 - ii. Collection of statistical data from the Department of Internal Affairs;
 - iii. Identification of issues associated with problem gambling in the Hauraki District;
 - iv. Recommendation of changes to the Council on its Gambling Policy;
 - v. Identification of projects supported and grants awarded by gaming machine proceeds through trust and societies.

2. Objective

2.1. The objectives of this policy are:

- a. To ensure the Council and the community has influence over the location of new class 4 and TAB venues in the Hauraki District whilst allowing those who wish to participate in gaming machines and TAB gambling to do so.
- b. Restricting the growth of gambling by:
 - i. capping the number of class 4 venues in the Hauraki District, and
 - ii. capping the total number of gaming machines in the Hauraki District.
- c. To further reduce harm associated with problem gambling in the Hauraki District by:
 - i. eventually restricting the number of machines in Hauraki District to meet the national average of people per machine, and
 - ii. monitoring the social impacts of gambling prior to each policy review.

3. Policy

3.1 Establishment of class 4 venues

- a. Class 4 venues may be established within Hauraki District subject to:
- b. meeting the application and fee requirements;
- c. the number of gaming machines proposed for the venue being able to be met within the overall district cap (maximum) on gaming machines in the Hauraki District as detailed in this policy;
- d. the number of class 4 venue licenses issued at any time not exceeding the district cap (maximum) for class 4 venue licences in the Hauraki District as detailed in this policy;
- e. the primary activity is not mainly used for operating gaming machines and that the primary activity is not anything other than onsite entertainment, recreation or leisure focused on persons 18 years and over;
- f. the applicant having the appropriate resource consent approvals, if required.

3.1.1. A venue which operates as a brothel will not be granted a class 4 venue consent.

3.2 Predominant activity of class 4 venues

3.2.1 The predominant activity of any class 4 venue shall be:

- a. for the sale of alcohol or, the sale of alcohol and food where the venue is subject to an on-licence (but not being a bring-your-own licence) or club licence; or
- b. the conducting of race and sports betting in standalone, alcohol free TAB venues under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

3.3 Location of class 4 venues

- 3.3.1 Class 4 venues must not be located in premises that are incompatible with other permitted uses in the relevant zone (e.g. industrial zone, residential zone).
- 3.3.2 No Council consent to class 4 venue licences shall be issued for any premises which is located within 50 metres of the legal site boundary of a school or early childhood education centre, or a Council administered children's playground.
- 3.3.3 Where a class 4 venue is to be located within 500 metres of a school or early childhood education centre:
 - a. the applicant shall provide a copy of their application directly to these facilities, and
 - b. the facilities will be considered affected parties to the application.
- 3.3.4 Class 4 venues must not allow any gambling activity to be visible to passing pedestrian traffic.

3.4 Overall cap on the number of gaming machines to be allowed in the Hauraki District

- 3.4.1 The maximum number of gaming machines allowed (cap) within the Hauraki District shall not exceed 69.
- 3.4.2 New class 4 venues shall be allowed a maximum of no more than nine (9) gaming machines.
- 3.4.3 A venue that held a licence on 17 October 2001 and has not been without a licence for more than six months since then may operate its notified number of gaming machines. In these instances, the cap shall not apply.

3.5 Overall cap on the number of class 4 venues to be allowed in the Hauraki District

- 3.5.1 The number of class 4 venues operating within the district shall not exceed nine (9).

3.6 Clubs merging with class 4 licences

- 3.6.1 Should two or more clubs with existing class 4 licences merge they will not be granted consent to operate gaming machines.

3.7 Relocation of class 4 venues

- 3.7.1 The Council may permit a class 4 venue to re-establish at a new site where, due to extraordinary circumstances, the owner or lessee of the class 4 venue cannot continue to operate at the existing site. Examples of such circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. expiration of the lease; or
 - b. acquisition of property under the Public Works Act; or
 - c. site development.
- 3.7.2 Any permission to re-establish a class 4 venue at a new site under clause 3.7.1. will be subject to the following conditions:

- a. The venue operator of the business at the new site shall be the same venue operator at the site to be vacated;
- b. The maximum number of gaming machines permitted to operate at the new venue at the time when the new venue licence takes effect is the same as the maximum number of gaming machines permitted to operate at the old venue immediately before the licence relating to the old venue is cancelled,
- c. The new site must meet all other requirements as set out in this policy.

3.8 Signage for class 4 venues

3.8.1 For signage restrictions refer to the Operative Hauraki District Plan.

3.9 TAB venues

- 3.9.1 TAB venues that are not operating gaming machines will be permitted in the Hauraki District subject to meeting the requirements of the operative Hauraki District Plan, or the operative Franklin District Plan in the area of Kaiaua.
- 3.9.2 A TAB venue applying to operate gaming machines will be treated as a class 4 venue and as such will be subject to restrictions listed in this policy.

4. Applications for Consent

- 4.1 Application to the Hauraki District Council for class 4 venue consents must be made on an approval application form (available on the Council's website) and must provide:
 - a. name and contact details for the application;
 - b. street address of premises proposed for the class 4 licence;
 - c. the names of management staff;
 - d. evidence of police approval for owners and managers of the venue;
 - e. a copy of the approved gambling harm minimisation policy, the staff training programme and the applicants host responsibility programme;
 - f. evidence of the distance to the nearest residential zone, and all other locations stated in clause 3.3 of this policy;
 - g. details of sale and supply of alcohol licence(s) applying to or proposed for the premises.
- 4.2 The Hearings and Judicial Committee (the Committee) of the Council shall consider all applications for class 4 venue consents received.
- 4.3 The Committee shall suspend consideration of, or refuse consent where any part of the application falls outside of this policy;
- 4.4 Without limiting the Committee's right to consider and determine an application for class 4 venue consent on any relevant issues the Committee shall suspend consideration of a venue consent application if:

- a. any necessary resource consent has not been issued.
 - b. the applicant cannot show that the opportunity for people under 18 gaining access to gambling machines is minimal.
 - c. it believes the proposed venue site is not in accordance with clause 3.3 of this policy.
- 4.5 The Committee may also suspend consideration of or refuse consent in other circumstances where it considers further information is required.
- 4.6 Application fees will be set by the Hauraki District Council from time to time, and shall include consideration of the costs of processing the application, including any consultation and hearings involved.

5. Glossary

- 5.1. Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions of words or terms used in this Policy that are also used in the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020 are those defined in those Acts.

TAB venue	has the same meaning as the interpretation in the Racing Industry Act 2020.
Class 4 gambling	has the same meaning as the interpretation in the Gambling Act 2003.
Class 4 venue	has the same meaning as the interpretation in the Gambling Act 2003.
Early Childhood Education Centre	includes any crèche, childcare centre, kindergarten, kohanga reo, or playcentre or any other place (excluding school) where five or more children receive care of education.
National average of people per machine	this means taking the Hauraki District population and dividing by the number of machines in the District, and aiming for this number to be in line with the NZ population divided by the number of machines nationally.
Problem gambler	has the same meaning as the interpretation in the Gambling Act 2003.
Gambling area	has the same meaning as the interpretation in the Gambling Act 2003.
School	includes any primary, intermediate or secondary school and any Kura Kaupapa.
Venue licence	has the same meaning as the interpretation in the Gambling Act 2003.
Children's Playground	Means play areas for children and may contain play equipment such as swings, slides and other agility equipment suited to children.
Legal site boundary	Means a physical area of land with defined legal boundaries.

6. Review

The policy will be reviewed three yearly to ensure the Council meets its statutory requirements under the Acts.

7. Document Management and Control

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