



# Information about Auckland's local alcohol policy

## General information

Auckland Council is developing a local alcohol policy (LAP) to regulate the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol within the region.

A LAP may include policies on any or all of the following:

- location of licences
- number of licences
- maximum trading hours
- discretionary conditions.

These policies can apply to on-licences (e.g. restaurants and bars), off-licences (e.g. bottle stores and supermarkets), and club licences (e.g. sports clubs and RSAs). Within the policy, there can be local variation to reflect specific issues for specific parts of the community.

## Position paper

In September 2013, council staff released a LAP Position paper, which was developed from engagement with stakeholders, as well as research and evidence. This document presents recommended options for further discussion and analysis that will inform the drafting of a LAP. It does not represent Auckland Council's policy and no final policy decisions have yet been made. This document will now be used to facilitate further discussions with stakeholders and Aucklanders, prior to the development of the draft LAP at the end of 2013.

## What else has council done to date?

### Research

In 2012, Auckland Council carried out research in preparation for the policy's development. This included a review of selected professional and academic literature on alcohol consumption and alcohol related issues, analysis of Auckland's alcohol related harm including health and crime. Research about Auckland's demographic profile and an analysis of the current number, location and trading hours of Auckland's licensed premises was also conducted.

### Issues and options paper

Council released an issues and options paper in June 2013. This outlined the key issues associated with the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol in Auckland and provided preliminary policy options for the draft LAP.

This issues and options paper was used to facilitate initial discussion with internal, external and political stakeholders to help with the development process. Council staff also met with representatives from various community groups to discuss the issues and options.

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