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Submitter 1: Support proposal

I believe the temporary ban has led to a reduction in alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour in the area.

Submitter 2: Support proposal in part

I agree with the non-alcohol areas around the Rotorua Youth Centre and around those zones - however not with the Marist St Michaels Rugby and Sports Club! There is such a cool culture at this club and everyone is like whanau and it so cool to go and watch some footy with a nice beverage in hand - in moderation of course

Submitter 3: Support proposal

Less alcohol = less troubles

Submitter 4: Support proposal

I teach children's drama classes at Shambles Theatre and have observed a noticeable reduction in the amount of intoxicated, violent, loud and drug-influenced people loitering outside the theatre while I am teaching classes as well a reduction in litter, especially broken glass, and cigarette butts being left outside the children's entrance. I wholeheartedly support the ban being made permanent.

Submitter 5: Support proposal

Making the ban permanent sounds like a logical step towards providing a safe space for our youth and people in the community.

Submitter 6: Support proposal

Whilst the existing temporary liquor ban has enabled us as an organisation to report transgressions of the ban in order to get wrongdoers to be moved on we still experience a high level of foot traffic onto the Reserve for those seeking to imbibe liquor. The Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust fully supports a Permanent Alcohol Ban on the Rotorua Youth Centre Reserve, as this is the only tool we have for responding to alcohol related incidents occurring on the grounds surrounding the Rotorua Youth Centre.

Submitter 7: Support proposal

This site is continuously used by the homeless & emergency housing client for drinking. Totally inappropriate at this area is used by whanau & rangatahi playing basketball.

Submitter 8: Support proposal

This area is a hotspot for the homeless to congregate, drink & cause havoc in this area.

Submitter 9: Support proposal

I support the alcohol ban around the Rotorua Community Youth Centre and St Michaels, the anti social behaviors around our rangatahi is inappropriate. our Rnagatahi should feel safe and comfortable using our facilities and not worry about being harassed or feeling intimidated. we should be providing safe community spaces.

Submitter 10: Support proposal

Homeless congregate here to drink & cause havoc

Submitter 11: Support proposal

Too many homeless & emergency housing clients using this area for drinking and are a nuisance to the public & surrounding businesses with their drunk and disorderly behaviour.

Submitter 12: Support proposal

Reduces temptation, opportunities and dependence on alcohol by rangatahi and the community at large. Youth Centre is better able to help youth stay motivated to improve their lives.

Submitter 13: Support proposal

As a Club, we fully support this. We often have Members both adult & Children feeling at risk when the "homeless" are drinking around our Clubrooms with their abusive & sometimes disgusting behaviors. Also the mess & broken glass is a real danger to many.

A liquor ban will give the Police authority to trespass repeat offenders & hopefully keep unwanted away.

Submitter 14: Support proposal

Altho I support this option I myself have reservations.there is a lack of detailed information about the makeup of the groups associated with the lawbreaking activity.Altho rotorua does provide shelter for many homeless people there are still many without homes here.serious homeless alcoholics and people who cannot drink at home but need a drink need a place to seek company and their addiction is a disease and not necessarily or even rarely a lack of willpower or goodness.or youth congregate to create excitement and trouble in a life that offers little else.wat can I say. It is good that reserves dedicated to youth and sport be protected from groups with no oversight or ability to selfregulate.however to further alienate already disempowered and troubled people who maybe jus need a safe place to get their fix.well how about a more well lit and almost welcoming place where youth or alcoholics or others could sit together and have a drink and where there was ability to support them then to return home safely or to safely disperse wen they needed to a bench to lie on. Maori wardens in well supported and friendly manner to help them make good choices.this is how a community operates.for these reserves to be safe they need to be fully renowned by the community and given a buzz .nobody is the baddy here and encouraging say a rugby club to adopt an alcohol free policy would be as powerful as kicking the homeless and disenchantd out of our public spaces.

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To whom it may concern

Submission - Temporary Alcohol Ban zones on Te Ngae Road reserves, being made permanent under the Rotorua District Ban Bylaw 2018 - Rotorua Youth Centre Reserve

The Rotorua Youth Centre is located at 6 Te Ngae Road, Rotorua. This is adjacent to Fenton Street and the high-density population of emergency housing motels.

The Rotorua Youth Centre houses several services funded for the care of young people (12 to 24-year-old) including Youth Employment Plus, Youth Development Services, Rotovegas Youth Health Service, and the Rangatahi Potential Primary Mental Health Service. Therefore, there is a high volume of young people, some of whom are very vulnerable, entering and leaving the Youth Centre.


Whilst the existing temporary liquor ban has enabled us as an organisation to report transgressions of the ban in order to get wrongdoers to be moved on we still experience a high level of foot traffic onto the Reserve for those seeking to imbibe liquor.

Over the past six months (April-Sept 2022) we have notified Council and the Police on approximately 24 separate occasions regarding problems with people (many of which live in Emergency Housing) who drink alcohol on the reserve. We have had to contact Police when people have been opening consuming alcohol and/or have been exhibiting anti-social behaviour. We have encountered the following issues: excessive alcohol consumption; hostile, aggressive and intimidating behaviour to our staff, players on the basketball court and other users of the Reserve; public urination by the basketball court; defecation on and behind the stage area; unacceptable and abusive behaviour; destruction of property; graffiti; fires lit on the stage and excessive alcohol-related waste including torn metal cans and smashed bottles.

The Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust fully supports a Permanent Alcohol Ban on the Rotorua Youth Centre Reserve, as this is the only tool we have for responding to alcohol related incidents occurring on the grounds surrounding the Rotorua Youth Centre.

Please see attached photographic evidence.

Kind Regards



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Tēnā koutou

Submission to Support Proposed Te Ngae Road Alcohol Ban Zones

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) Ngā whenua o Te Ngae Road kua tohua hei rāhui waipiro - Proposed Te Ngae Road Alcohol Ban Zones. This submission provides joint feedback from the Medical Officers of Health for the Bay of Plenty and Lakes regions.

Toi Te Ora Public Health's purpose is to improve and protect the health of the population with a focus on the achieving health equity, particularly for Māori. A key priority for the organisation is to reduce the harmful impact of alcohol. Alcohol related harm includes the burden of harm on the community, as well as the harm caused to the health of individuals.

A large body of research supports reducing alcohol-related harm by adopting population-based prevention strategies that change physical and social environments¹. Control of the supply and availability of alcohol is therefore a key area of enforcement work for Toi Te Ora.

Alcohol has a significant adverse impact on peoples' well-being and safety and is a leading cause of disease and disability. It is also a well-known fact that Māori experience a disproportionate amount of alcohol-related harm compared to non-Māori and that this impact has been longstanding and intergenerational². It is essential that people in a position of authority lead with a deep sense of social responsibility for whom their services are provided.

Upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Alcohol Law

It is important that local government alcohol policies across all Aotearoa districts reflect and uphold the obligations set out in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It is acknowledged that Māori experience a disproportionate level of alcohol-related harm, yet there are many barriers to Māori having a meaningful say in alcohol decisions that

¹ World Health Organisation (2022). SAFER – alcohol control initiative. Retrieved from World Health Organization: <https://who.int/initiatives/SAFER>

² Muriwai, E., Huckle, T., & Romeo, J. (2018). *Māori attitudes and behaviours towards alcohol*. Wellington: Health Promotion Agency.



affect their communities³. Toi Te Ora Public Health recommends that RLC align their alcohol response policies with Te Hiringa Hauora Te Tiriti o Waitangi-aligned National Alcohol Harm Minimisation Framework⁴. This document provides a nationally agreed approach to create an Aotearoa free from alcohol-related harm. It sets out the need for Councils to work with and empower *“whānau/hapū/iwi/rōpū so that they can meaningfully and effectively participate in the decisions about, and determine what happens with, alcohol in their communities”³*.

It is our expectation the RLC has processes in place to gain input and guidance from local iwi to ensure it adopts alcohol control policies that are in the best interests of their Māori communities in the Lakes District.

Support for Proposed Bylaw Changes

Toi Te Ora Public Health fully support the proposal to make permanent the four temporary Alcohol Ban Zones on Te Ngae Road.

Toi Te Ora Public Health notes the significant positive benefits of the temporary liquor ban to date and recommends TLC to consider extending the Alcohol Ban Zones to other areas within Rotorua.

To increase the positive impact of the Te Ngae Road Alcohol Ban Zones, Toi Te Ora Public Health recommends that the RLC makes the following locations Alcohol Free Zones:

- Te Ngae Shopping Centre looks
- Ōwhata Takeaways
- Puketawhero Park
- Purenga Park
- Neil Hunt Park
- Westbrooke Reserve
- Pullar Park
- Wright Park

In considering the need to increase the number of Alcohol Free Zones, it is important to note that within the proposed area of the alcohol ban, there are seven off-licence retail outlets selling alcohol within a 1km range of the area that is within the proposed zone:

- PAK'nSAVE Rotorua, Corner Fenton Street & Amohau Street
- Countdown Rotorua, 246 Fenton Street
- Super Liquor Rotorua, 244 Fenton Street
- The Bottle-O Rotorua, 4/223 Fenton Street
- Countdown Central Mall, Rotorua Central Mall, Victoria Street
- Vetro Mediterranean Foods, 1131 Amohau Street
- Thirsty Liquor, 58 Marguerita Street

³ Te Hirianga Hauora Health Promotion Agency. (2022b). *Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Alcohol Law*. Wellington: Te Hirianga Hauora Health Promotion Agency. Retrieved from <https://hpa.org.nz/sites/default/files/Te%20Tiriti%20o%20Waitangi%20and%20alcohol%20law.pdf>

⁴ Te Hirianga Hauora Public Health Agency. (2022a). *National Alcohol Harm Minimisation Framework*. Retrieved from Te Hirianga Hauora Public Health Agency: <https://www.hpa.org.nz/sites/default/files/11.1%20AL1196%20National%20Harm%20Minimisation%20Framework.pdf>



Conclusion

Toi Te Ora Public Health fully supports the RLC proposal to make permanent the four temporary Alcohol Free Zones and recommends making further restrictions to the supply and use of alcohol in the Rotorua Lakes District.

Given the disproportionate impact of alcohol related harm on the Maori population in the Rotorua Lakes District it is important that the RLC takes all possible steps to reduce alcohol related crime and to improve health outcomes. Enabling local iwi to engage with RLC and support strategies to incrementally reduce the supply and availability of alcohol and increase the number of Alcohol Free Zones will be critical to achieving the vision of an Aotearoa free from Alcohol related harm.

Yours sincerely

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Rotorua District Permanent Alcohol Ban Areas 2023

Rotorua Police support the proposed change to make the current Temporary Alcohol Ban area around Te Ngae Road, permanent.

Police have been in support of this since the implementation of the Temporary Alcohol Ban in 2021.

Making this a permanent Liquor Ban Area, will give Police effectively double the scope to deal with alcohol related incidents before they escalate.

This also provides Police with an increased range of options for dealing with alcohol related offending, which will result in a reduction in the alcohol related harm.

While there is the option of enforcement, the key aim is reducing harm and making Rotorua a safer area for all in the community.

Police would recommend increased signage will help raise awareness, while enabling for fair and effective enforcement of the liquor ban areas.

Regards

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