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Request from:	Alcohol Harm Reduction Project
Information requested:	District Licensing Committees information
Response by:	Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive

28 November 2024

Alcohol Harm Reduction Project
Community Law Centres o Aotearoa

Via Email:

Dear Alcohol Harm Reduction Project

Official information request for District Licensing Committees information

I refer to your official information request dated 05 November 2024 for District Licensing Committees information.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. How many off-licences were operating in your territorial authority boundaries as at 30 June 2024 (if you cannot confirm at that specific date, how many off-licences do you currently have operating in your territorial authority boundaries? Please confirm which date you have used).**

19 Off licences in the Westland District as of 11 November 2024

- 2. What are your current recruitment criteria and qualification requirements for appointing DLC members and Chairs?**

We follow the guidelines from the Health Promotion Agency, and in keeping with alcohol.org.nz

- 3. What procedures have you implemented to give effect to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments?**

Our Chair is a Commissioner in 10 other DLCs around New Zealand and we ensure that our hearings are as informal as possible, and objectors are supported and encouraged to have their say on licensing applications.

- 4. What tikanga protocols have you implemented to give effect to the Sale and Supply Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill Amendments?**

There is a local iwi representative that sits on the District Licensing Committee. This representative can ensure tikanga Māori is incorporated into proceedings when requested.

- 5. Have you seen any notable changes in community participation since implementation of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill?**

There have been no noticeable changes in the community participation since the implementation of the Sale and Supply Alcohol Act (Community Participation) Bill. There has been no opposition from the public or appeals.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

Lesley Crichton | Acting Chief Executive

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