

Decision number: 109-2024

**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of  
Alcohol Act 2012(the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by  
**Aaron Michael SMITH**  
pursuant to s.219 of Act for a  
manager's certificate.

**BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**THE APPLICATION**

This is an application by **Aaron Michael SMITH** for a manager's certificate to manage licensed premises known as **Te Waonui Forest Retreat**

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant holds the prescribed Licence Controller Qualification/s and is employed in licensed premises.

The Licensing Inspector has provided a report outlining the applicant's experience in controlling licensed premises and has tested their understanding of their responsibilities as a manager.

Neither the New Zealand Police nor the Licensing Inspector express any concern about the overall suitability of the applicant, nor do they oppose the granting of the application.

We note the applicant has some historical serious convictions. These have been thoroughly investigated by the agencies and we are satisfied that these offences were dealt with more than 10 years ago and can be put to one side.

Accordingly, the application can be dealt with on the papers.

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**DECISION**

The application and supporting information satisfy the committee that the criteria we must have regard to as set out in s.222 of the Act have been met.

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by **Aaron Michael SMITH** for a Manager's Certificate.

The certificate is valid for twelve months from the date the certificate is issued.

**DATED** at Hokitika this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024



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Murray Clearwater  
**Chairperson/Commissioner**  
**Westland District Licensing Committee**

