

Decision number: 095-2024

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by **KEH  
Limited** pursuant to s127 of  
the Act for the renewal of the  
ON Licence in respect of  
premises situated at 289  
Kaniere Road, Kaniere  
known as the "**Kaniere  
Empire Hotel**"

## **BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **The Application**

**KEH Limited** applies for the renewal of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 289 Kaniere Road, Kaniere known as the "**Kaniere Empire Hotel**."

The business is a hotel in Kaniere, and they offer food, alcohol and refreshments and accommodation to the locals and tourists.

The current days and hours are **Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 3.00am the following day. No changes are sought.**

These hours are within the default national maximum trading hours for ON licensed premises.

The application was publicly notified on the council website from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024. No objections were received from members of the public.

### **Reasons for the Decision**

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health has raised any matters in opposition, but they have recommended the closing hour be reduced to 2.00am in line with other premises in the extended locality.

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The inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been reduced by more than a minor extent.

We cannot arbitrarily alter the trading hours without the consent of the applicant or after hearing evidence at a public hearing. The onus is clearly on the licensee to respect the hours they have on the licence and to not come to notice in an adverse manner.

By all accounts the applicant is a responsible licensee, and I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.131 of the Act.

I deal with the application on the papers.

### **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by **KEH Limited** for the renewal of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 289 Kaniere Road, Kaniere known as the “**Kaniere Empire Hotel**” subject to conditions.

**We refresh the licence conditions to reflect best practice.**

### **Conditions:**

The ON licence is subject to the conditions listed below:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:

**Monday to Sunday 9.00am to 3.00am the following day;**

2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1pm on Anzac Day to any person other than a person who is on the premises to dine or lodging on the premises;
  3. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
  4. The following parts of the premises is designated as **Supervised Area:**  
**The Bar**
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5. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.
6. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence or menu variations of a similar range and standard. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted;
7. A properly appointed certificated, or Acting or Temporary, manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises;
8. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises;
9. The Licensee must display:
  - a. At every point of sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - b. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale of alcohol;
  - c. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises;

The renewal will be for three years from the expiry of the current licence and a replacement licence is to be issued.

**DATED** at Hokitika this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2024



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

