

Decision number:

021-2025

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012 ("the Act")

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by **Paroa
Hotel Limited** pursuant to s.
127 of the Act for the renewal
of the ON Licence in respect
of premises situated at 84
Revell Street, Hokitika known
as "**Thatcher & Small**"

BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Application

Paroa Hotel Limited applies for the renewal of the ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 84 Revell Street, Hokitika known as "**Thatcher & Small.**"

The business operates as a Class 1 restaurant/cafe and bar in central Hokitika. There has been an extensive refurbishment of the building and the inclusion of an outdoor dining area.

The current days and hours are **Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 3.00am. No changes are sought.**

These hours are within the default national maximum trading hours for an on-licence of 8.00am to 4.00am.

The applicant has provided a list of substantive food options and the low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments that are available at all times when the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.

The food is prepared on-site, and the inspector is satisfied that it is of an acceptable variety and price range and will be provided within a reasonable timeframe of placing an order.

Water jugs and glasses will be available on request at all times, plus water is given to all seated customers as part of table service.

The application was publicly notified from 6 November 2024, and no public objections were received.

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health have raised any final matters in opposition, but the Police have posed a number of questions including why has a restaurant been granted a 3.00am finish? .

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The applicant has provided an acceptable menu together with a list of both low and non-alcoholic refreshments that will satisfy the requirements of the Act.

Certificated managers are attached to the application and oversee the sale and supply of alcohol.

The Inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been reduced by more than a minor extent. He suggests that the licensed area other than the public footpath should continue to be designated as a Supervised Area from 10.30pm.

The hours sought for a restaurant café bar are extensive and we remind the applicant that they have sought and been granted a Class 1 restaurant licence. This means that they can have a defined bar, and from time to time they can operate as a tavern.

There is a fine line between a Class 1 restaurant and a tavern, and we did invite the applicant to reconsider its operating hours as it calls itself a restaurant. Mr Monk declined the invitation but did agree to revisit the request at the next renewal.

Meanwhile, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.131 of the Act.

Accordingly, I deal with the ON Licence 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 **Paroa Hotel Limited** for

an ON Licence in respect of premises situated at 84 Revell Street, Hokitika to be known as **"Thatcher & Small"** subject to conditions.

Conditions:

The licence is subject to the conditions listed as follows:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:
Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 3.00am;
2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied 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;
3. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises;
4. 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;
5. **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;**
6. **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;**
7. **The whole of the premises is undesignated until 10.30pm whereupon the licensed area, minus the footpath, becomes a Supervised Area.**
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 licence is renewed for three (3) years from the expiry of the current licence and a Replacement Licence is to be issued.

DATED at HOKITIKA this 17th day of July 2025



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
Westland District Licensing Committee

