

Decision number:

**116-2025**

**IN THE MATTER**

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application  
by **Sinead Elizabeth  
LYONS** pursuant to s224 of  
the Act for the renewal of a  
manager's certificate.

**BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

This is an application by **Sinead Elizabeth LYONS** for the renewal of a manager's certificate.

No opposition, or notice of desire to be heard, has been received in relation to this application.

Accordingly, the application can be determined on the papers pursuant to s.191 (3) and 202 (1) of the Act.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant holds the prescribed Licence Controller Qualification/s, has recently been working in licensed namely **Rainforest Retreat** and has suitable experience in managing licensed premises.

The New Zealand Police, and the Licensing Inspector, have not opposed this renewal, or the way in which they have managed licensed premises.

However, they do report on an incident on New Years Eve 2024 where it appears the end of year celebrations went too far and intoxicated persons were located on the premises by the Police. An inexperienced Duty Manager was in charge, and the applicant was there as a patron later in the evening.

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Whilst Ms LYONS disputes being intoxicated we prefer the evidence of sober Police Officers over persons under the influence of alcohol.

We remind Ms. Lyons, that even when off duty they are still obliged to set good examples for their other staff and patrons. On this occasion she did not.

We do have the ability to set this down for hearing or approve a truncated renewal. On this occasion we hope a valuable lesson was learned and there will not be a repeat of this kind of behaviour.

No doubt the Police will be paying particular attention to this bar on NYE 2025.


Subject to the above, I consider this application on the papers.

### **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **approves** the application by **Sinead Elizabeth LYONS** for a renewal of a Manager's Certificate.

The renewal is valid for three years from the expiry of the current certificate.

**DATED** at Hokitika this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025



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

