



SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

PROPOSED LOCAL EASTER SUNDAY SHOP TRADING POLICY

BACKGROUND

Queenstown Lakes District Council has adopted a proposed Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy (LESTP) to allow all shops within the district to open on Easter Sundays.

Many of the existing exemptions for shop trading on Easter Sunday create an unfair advantage for certain businesses and regions. Businesses in tourist centres with old existing exemptions are able to benefit from tourist trade on Easter Sunday, while businesses in tourist orientated regions without exemptions cannot.

An amendment to the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 now allows Council to develop a policy to determine what is best for their communities regarding Easter Sunday trading.

KEY FEATURES OF PROPOSAL

To adopt a Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy to permit trading on Easter Sunday within the Queenstown Lakes District.

TIMETABLE FOR CONSULTATION

The following dates represent the key times in the consultation programme:

24 November 2016	Council resolves to undertake public consultation regarding the proposed bylaw
28 November 2016 – 9 December 2016	Advertisement in Otago Daily Times, Mirror and Wanaka Sun.
4 January 2017	Submissions close
16 – 20 January 2016	Submissions heard by a subcommittee of Councillors (to be confirmed)
?? February 2017	Council considers outcome of consultation process and the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy.
?? February 2017	Public notice of final decision (if Council resolve to adopt the policy)

The Policy comes into effect subject to the above.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS AND OBTAINING COPIES

Copies of this proposal and the supporting reports may be inspected, and a copy obtained, at no cost, from:

- a) Either of the Council offices at 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown or the Wanaka Service Centre, 47 Ardmore Street, Wanaka
- b) Any Council library within the Queenstown Lakes District.
- c) The Council website – www.qldc.govt.nz

RIGHT TO MAKE A SUBMISSION AND BE HEARD

Any person or organisation has a right to be heard in regard to this proposal and the Council would encourage everyone with an interest to do so.

The Council would prefer that all parties intending to make a submission, complete the submission form at www.qldc.govt.nz or submit them to QLDC, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown, no later than 4 January 2017. The Council will then convene a hearing, which it intends to hold between 16 – 20 January 2017, at which any party who wishes to do so can present their submission in person.

Equal weight will be given to written and oral submissions.

The Council will permit parties to make oral submissions (without prior written material) or to make a late submission, only where it considers that special circumstances apply.

Every submission made to the Council will be acknowledged in accordance with the Act, will be copied and made available to the public, and every submission will be heard in a meeting that is open to the public.

Section 82 of the Local Government Act sets out the obligations of the Council in regard to consultation and the Council will take all steps necessary to meet the spirit and intent of the law.

MAKING AN EFFECTIVE SUBMISSION

Written submissions can take any form (e.g. Email, letter). An effective submission references the clause(s) of the proposed policy you wish to submit on, states why the clause is supported or not supported and states what change to the clause is sought.

Submissions on matters outside the scope of the policy cannot be considered by the Hearings Panel.

Lee Webster
Manager, Regulatory

Attachment 1: Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy