

**PROPOSED QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT
EASTER SUNDAY SHOP TRADING POLICY HEARING
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Minutes of a Hearing of Submissions on the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy held via teleconference on Thursday 19 January 2017 commencing at 10.00am

Present

Councillor Ross McRobie (Chairperson) and Councillor Penny Clark

In attendance

Mr Lee Webster (Manager, Regulatory) and Ms Jane Robertson (Senior Governance Advisor)

Appointment of Chair

The Governance Advisor called the meeting to order and asked the panel to determine who would chair the meeting.

It was agreed that Councillor McRobie would chair the meeting.

Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Lawton.

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and Clark it was resolved that the apology be accepted.

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed without addition or alteration.

1. Hearing of Submissions on the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

Public Hearing of submissions

The Governance Advisor detailed why a public hearing had not been required. She advised that the three submitters who had indicated a desire to speak at a hearing had all been contacted personally the previous week and had declined the invitation to attend the hearing to speak. In addition, all submitters had received the agenda electronically on Friday, 13 January along with an invitation to make contact with the Governance Advisor if they had subsequently reconsidered the option of speaking and now wished to do so. The timeframe provided for a response had been close of business on Monday, 16 January and no submitter had been in contact. Accordingly, a decision had been made on

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17 January not to convene a physical hearing but to consider the submissions and proposed policy via teleconference.

Consideration of Submissions/Deliberations

Members noted that a number of submissions had expressed concern that employees would be forced to work on a day which they would otherwise have as a holiday. Mr Webster noted that the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 contained a clause specifically to protect employees who did not wish to work and a clause entitled 'Shop employees' right to refuse to work' was included in the policy. It was also noted that Good Friday of Easter was still a compulsory public holiday.

Whilst submissions had come largely from people in Wanaka, it was noted that if adopted, the policy would apply to the whole district and would be applicable for the full 24 hours of Easter Sunday.

Councillor McRobie questioned the definition of 'shop' contained in the proposed policy. Mr Webster stated that the text had been taken exactly from the legislation without amendment.

Members questioned apparent inconsistencies in some submissions, with some having expressed opposition to the policy but then commenting in apparent support. Mr Webster agreed that some appeared contradictory but it was the duty of staff to present and report on submissions exactly as written.

Having considered the submissions, the panel agreed that no amendment was necessary to the proposed policy.

On the motion of Councillors McRobie and Clark it was resolved:

- 1. That the panel recommend that the Council adopt the Queenstown Lakes District Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy.**

The meeting concluded at 10.15am.