

Decision number: 048/2026/HCDLC/203

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Ruahine
Ports Limited pursuant to ss.22
of the Act for a Special licence
in respect of premises situated
at Lower Hutt Events Centre,
30C Laings Road, Lower Hutt,
known as Ruahine Ports

BEFORE THE HUTT CITY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

This is an application by Ruahine Ports Limited for a Special licence in respect of premises situated at Lower Hutt Events Centre, 30C Laings Road, Lower Hutt, known as Ruahine Ports.

The application was duly notified and no opposition or notice of desire to be heard has been received. Accordingly I deal with the matter on the papers.

Pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, the application by Ruahine Ports Limited for a Special licence is **granted** subject to conditions.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.142 and s.143 of the Act.

STATUTORY CRITERIA

Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

142 Criteria for issue of special licences

(1) In deciding whether to issue a special licence, the licensing committee concerned must have regard to the following matters:

(a) the object of this Act:

(b) the nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought and, in particular, –

- (i) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods; and
- (ii) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:
- (c) the suitability of the applicant:
- (d) any relevant local alcohol policy:
- (e) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:
- (f) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:
- (g) the design and layout of the premises concerned:
- (h) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:
- (i) any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas:
- (j) any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of this Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:
- (k) the applicant's proposals relating to –
 - (i) the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food; and
 - (ii) the sale and supply of low-alcohol drinks; and
 - (iii) the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises:
- (l) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, or an inspector made under [section 141](#).

(2) The licensing committee must not take into account any prejudicial effect that the issue of the special licence may have on the business conducted pursuant to any other licence.

143 Criteria for issue of special licences

Additional requirements for large-scale events

- (1) If, in the opinion of the licensing committee concerned, an application for a special licence relates to a large-scale event, the committee may do any or all of the following:
- (a) require the applicant to provide the committee with a management plan describing how the applicant proposes to deal with matters such as security, monitoring, interaction with local residents, and public health concerns:
 - (b) require the applicant to provide the committee with a certificate by the territorial authority that the proposed use of the premises meets the requirements of the [Resource Management Act 1991](#) and of the building code:

(c) require the applicant to liaise with the Police and the territorial authority on planning for the event.

(2) In deciding whether to issue a special licence, the licensing committee concerned may have regard to the following matters (in addition to the matters stated in [section 142\(1\)](#)):

(a) whether, and how well, the applicant has complied with any requirement under subsection (1)(a):

(b) whether, and how well, the applicant has complied with any requirement under subsection (1)(c), and whether the Police and the territorial authority are satisfied with any liaison that has taken place.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In determining this application, the Committee has had regard to the criteria in section 142 and 143 of the Act. The Committee is satisfied that the applicant is suitable, based on the information supporting the application. The reporting agencies did not oppose the application. Taking these matters into account, the Committee is satisfied that the object of the Act will be met and therefore grants the application.

DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chair, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 **grants** an application by Ruahine Ports Limited for a Special licence for the premises at Lower Hutt Events Centre, 30C Laings Road, Lower Hutt, for the event NZDA Hunting & Wildlife Expo 2026, subject to conditions.

Conditions:

The licence is subject to the conditions as listed on licence No. 048/S/0033/26 attached.

DATED at LOWER HUTT this 15th day of July 2026

Signed by:

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Granted by: Brady Dyer
Chair

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Approved by: Bradley Cato
Secretary

