Minute number: 059-2024

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of

Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application

by Waiho Investments
Limited

pursuant to s.120 and 127 of the Act for the renewal and variation of the ON Licence for premises situated at 44 Main Road, Franz Josef Glacier known as "Scenic Hotel Franz Josef."

BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Murray Clearwater Chairperson

This is an application by Waiho Investments Limited for the renewal and variation of the ON Licence for premises situated at 44 Main Road, Franz Josef Glacier known as "Scenic Hotel Franz Josef."

The business operates as a hotel from 11.00am to 3.00am. The applicant seeks a variation to license the accommodation rooms and offer a limited amount of alcohol in mini bars.

The application has drawn opposed reports from the Police and the MOoH.

Direction

Pursuant to Section 134 I cannot consider this renewal on the papers. It will need to be determined after a hearing before a full quorum of the DLC.

The Police and the MOoH will be required to lodge and disclose the evidence they intend to rely on once the hearing date has been set and timetabling directions given.

We advise the Police and MOoH that the limited offering of alcohol in the proposed mini bars is relatively low risk and much less than what is offered in thousands of other mini bars in hotels throughout New Zealand.

If the opposition is to be maintained, there will need to be evidence showing that the granting of the request will lead, or is likely to lead, to an increase in alcohol related harm in Franz Josef.

Update

The hearing date is now set for Wednesday 29 May 2024 at 9.00am.

The Police and MOoH are to lodge and disclose the evidence they intend to rely on with the DLC Secretariat by 5.00pm on Monday the 13th of May 2024.

The applicant is to lodge their response by 5.00pm on Monday the 20th of May 2024.

Dated at Hokitika this 1st day of May 2024

Murray Clearwater Commissioner

Westland District Licensing Committee.