IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol

Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application for the renewal of a manager's certificate pursuant to s.

224 by Shaun Leon Knight.

# DECISION OF THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE ON AN UNCONTESTED APPLICATION

#### **AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to section 191(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and a Council resolution dated 28 November 2013, the functions, powers and duties of the Westland District Licensing Committee are delegated to the committee chairperson where no objection has been filed, and no matters of opposition have been raised by the Police, the Medical Officer of Health or an Inspector. There is no Local Alcohol Policy in place for the District.

#### **Summary of Evidence**

The complete file has been made available to me.

A report from the Inspector concludes that the applicant is suitable to continue to hold a manager's certificate.

The Police advise that there is no objection to the application.

### **Evaluation of Evidence**

I have considered the application on the basis of the uncontested reports received. The matter is able to be dealt with on the papers.

The applicant is not currently employed in the alcohol/hospitality industry and the application is unclear as to the applicant's intentions; the application records the applicant's occupation as a diry farmer (sic). The requirements for the renewal of a manager's certificate include an assessment of the manner in which the applicant has managed the sale and supply of alcohol with the intention of the Act to contributing to the aim of reduction of alcohol-related harm. I am not sure how such an assessment can be made where an applicant is not currently employed in the sector. However, the Inspector has apparently interviewed Mr. Knight and has asserted that there are no problems found relating to the applicant's management of premises in relation to the aim of contributing to the reduction of alcohol-related harm. The Inspector will know of the Applicant's recent employment history and possibly knows his intentions for the future and on this basis, I accept the assessment of the Inspector.

I am satisfied as to those matters provided for in s.227 of the Act, I am satisfied that the applicant is suitable, he does not have any recent convictions recorded against him, he has experience within the industry, and he holds a recognised qualification.

## **Decision**

The application is granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number **089-2022** and I direct that renewed manager's certificate 56/CERT/088/2015 be issued to Shaun Leon Knight pursuant to s.64 of the Act.

The renewal is on the existing terms and conditions for a period of three years from the date of expiry.

Dated at Hokitika this 2 day of October 2022

**Richard Simpson** 

**Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee**