Decision number: 102-2025

**IN THE MATTER** of Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012(the Act)

AND

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by **The** 

Valley Hub Limited pursuant to s127 of the Act for the renewal of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 113 Upper Kokatahi Road, Kokatahi known as the "Kokatahi Hotel"

# BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

# The Application

**The Valley Hub Limited** applies for the renewal of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 113 Upper Kokatahi Road, Kokatahi known as the **"Kokatahi Hotel**.

The business is an on-licensed hotel with an 'across the bar' off licence. They offer food, alcohol and accommodation to the locals, and tourists, however due to health issues within the management team the hotel operate only a few hours each evening several days a week.

The owners are actively attempting to sell the business.

The current days and hours are **Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 11.00pm. No changes are sought.** 

These hours are within the default national maximum trading hours for OFF licensed premises.

The application was publicly notified on the council website from the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. No objections were received from members of the public.

### **Reasons for the Decision**

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health has raised any matters in opposition. Whilst the questions proffered by the Police are quite valid, we agree they are better left to be answered at another time and maybe with the new owner of the premises.

The inspector reports that the amenity and good order of the area has not been reduced by more than a minor extent.

We grant a waiver for the late filing of the renewal.

I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.131 of the Act.

I deal with the application on the papers.

### DECISION

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by **The Valley Hub Limited** for the renewal of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 113 Upper Kokatahi Road, Kokatahi known as the "**Kokatahi Hotel**" subject to conditions.

We refresh the licence conditions to reflect best practice.

### **Conditions:**

The OFF licence is subject to the conditions listed below:

**1.** Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption off the premises only on the following days and hours:

Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 11.00pm;

- 2. No alcohol is to be sold or supplied on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1pm on Anzac Day.
- While alcohol is being supplied free as a sample, water is to be provided to patrons free of charge at the place where the samples are being supplied.

- 4. The following part of the premises is designated as **Supervised Area at all times: The Bar. All off sales must take place at the Bar.**
- A properly appointed certificated, or Acting or Temporary, manager must be on duty at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed in the premises;
- 6. The Licensee must display:
  - a. At every point of sale, signs detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - b. At the principal entrance to the premises, so as to be easily read by people immediately outside the premises, a sign stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for sale of alcohol;
  - c. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises;

The renewal will be for three years from the expiry of the current licence and a replacement licence is to be issued.

**DATED** at Hokitika this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025

Murray Clearwater

Chairperson/Commissioner

**Westland District Licensing Committee**