

Decision number: 017-2026

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Kumara
Hotel Limited** pursuant to
s127 and 120 of the Act for
the renewal and variation of
the OFF Licence in respect of
premises situated at 81
Seddon Street, Kumara
known as the "**Theatre Royal
Hotel.**"

BEFORE THE WESTLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Application

Kumara Hotel Limited applies for the renewal and variation of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 81 Seddon Street, Kumara known as the "**Theatre Royal 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 alike.

The current days and hours for the OFF Licence are **Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 10.00pm. 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 25th of September 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.

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

The applicant seeks a variation to the designation of the premises. An examination of the previous licence reveals no designation for the off-licensed area.

Section 119 of the Act requires the DLC to designate all, or part of any hotel, or tavern premises, either as a Supervised Area or a Restricted Area.

Section 119 Restricted and supervised areas

*(1) The licensing authority or licensing committee concerned **must do one of the things described in subsection (3) when issuing an on licence for a hotel or a tavern.***

(2) The licensing authority or licensing committee concerned may do one of the things described in subsection (3) when issuing a licence of any kind for any premises other than a hotel or a tavern.

*(3) **The things referred to in subsections (1) and (2) are—***

(a) designate all of the premises—

(i) an area to which minors must not be admitted; or

(ii) an area to which minors must not be admitted unless accompanied by a parent or guardian:

(b)...

(c)...

(d)...

The applicant seeks the whole of the premises to be undesignated until 10.00pm. Then at 10.00pm they ask that the Main Bar and Restaurant and the Garden Bar are to become Supervised Areas.

This does not meet the prescribed criteria in Section 119.

We recommended that the following regime be adopted:

The Main Bar is designated as a Supervised Area from 10.00am to 2.00am the following day. This will also cover the 'across the bar' off licence as well. All of the public areas are to be designated as Supervised Areas from 10.00pm.

The applicant agrees to this regime. This is also supported by the agencies.

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 **Kumara Hotel Limited** for the renewal and variation of the OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 81 Seddon Street, Kumara known as the “**Theatre Royal 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 on, or delivered from, the premises for consumption **off the premises**, or supplied free as a sample for consumption on the premises, only on the following days and hours:

Monday to Sunday from 10:00am until 10:00pm

2. No alcohol is to be sold on, or delivered from, the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Christmas Day or before 1.00 pm on Anzac Day;
 3. 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 parts of the premises is designated as a **Supervised Area: Main Bar. All off-sales must be made from the Main Bar;**
 5. The Licensee must have available for purchase on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages;
 6. A properly appointed Certificated, or Acting or Temporary, Manager must be on duty at all times, within the licensed area, 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;
 7. 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;
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- 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 inside of the premises so as to be easily read by people entering each principal entrance.

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 12th day of February 2026



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
Westland District Licensing Committee

