

Decision number: 016-2026

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 ON 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 ON 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 are **Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 2.00am the following day. No changes are sought.**

These hours are within the default national maximum trading hours for ON 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 revealed no designation for any of the on-licensed areas.

Section 119 of the Act requires the DLC to designate all, or part of the 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 that all of the premises 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. All of the public areas are 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 ON 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 ON licence is subject to the conditions listed below:

1. Alcohol may be sold or supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours:
Monday to Sunday 10.00am to 2.00am the following day;
 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 to any person other than a person who is on the premises to dine or lodging on the premises.
 3. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
 4. The following parts of the premises is designated as Supervised Area: **The Main Bar is designated as a Supervised Area from 10.00am to 2.00am the following day. The whole of the public areas are designated as Supervised Areas from 10.00pm.**
 5. The licensee must have available for consumption 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. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence or menu variations of a similar range and standard. Menus must be visible, and food should be actively promoted.
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7. **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;**
8. The licensee must provide information, advice and assistance about alternative forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.
9. 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 12th day of February 2026



Murray Clearwater
Chairperson/Commissioner
Westland District Licensing Committee

