

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 Sean Michael Tuck-Singer.

**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 can be dealt with on the papers.

The file indicates that there was an issue relating to the applicant identifying all previous convictions as the application seems to indicate that any reader of the application needs to refer to a previous renewal application to get a measure of the extent of previous criminal offending. I can understand how the information came to be truncated; there is insufficient room in the application for a comprehensive list of convictions of which the applicant has several. If the applicant found the space restricting, then he could have easily added the information as an attachment to the application. The applicant is reminded that criminal convictions are an important tool for the Licensing Committee to use in determining suitability for renewal purposes. Even though the list of convictions seems to point to a growing-up phase in the applicant's late teen years and there are now no concerns with regard to criminal offending the fact remains that the application calls for a proper response rather than a glib "I've already told you that". I would expect a proper and thoughtful response in the future.

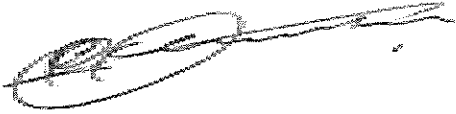
**Decision and Reasons**

I am satisfied as to those matters provided for in s.227 of the Act, I am satisfied that the applicant is suitable, he has experience within the industry, and he holds a recognised qualification.

The application is granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number **140-2019** and I direct that renewed manager's certificate 56/CERT/149/2014 be issued to Sean Michael Tuck-Singer 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019



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**Chairperson, Westland District Licensing Committee**

