

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application for a manager's  
certificate pursuant to s. 219 by  
Nicholas Johannes Bester.

**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 hold a manager's certificate.

A report from the Police has no objection to the application.

**Evaluation of Evidence**

I have considered the application on the basis of the uncontested reports received. The matter can, therefore, be dealt with on the papers.

I am satisfied that the applicant is suitable, he does not have any convictions recorded against him, he has several years experience within the industry and he holds a recognised qualification.

I was particularly impressed with the references that accompanied the application. Clearly, Mr. Bester is held in esteem by his employer and the reference from his friend, Mr. Siraboina, speaks so well of the applicant and I suspect that Mr. Bester will make a positive contribution to the hospitality Industry on the West Coast. On the basis of his application it is unlikely that Mr. Bester will come to the attention of the Westland District Licensing Committee for the wrong reasons.

**Decision and Reasons**

I am satisfied as to those matters provided for in s.222 of the Act.

The application is granted on the papers pursuant to s.202 (1) of the Act as Decision Number **153-2019** and I direct that a certificate be issued to Nicholas Johannes Bester pursuant to s.64 of the Act for a period of 12 months.

Dated at Hokitika this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019



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Chairman, Westland District Licensing Committee