

Have your say - The sale of alcohol in your community



Protect your community by objecting to alcohol licence applications

- The sale of alcohol requires the seller to get a license and renew it over time.
- The community must be given notice of an alcohol licence application and are given 15-working days to submit objections.
- The community can also seek conditions to a licence, for example - reduced hours or restricted advertising.
- The more alcohol stores in a community, the more harm - especially to our rangatahi.*

*Huckle, T., Huakau, J., Sweetsur, P., Huisman, O., & Casswell, S. (2008). Density of alcohol outlets and teenage drinking: living in an alcogenic environment is associated with higher consumption in a metropolitan setting. *Addiction*, 103(10), 1614-1621

Where to begin?

The first step is to reach out for support! The objection process is complex but with support from the groups listed below you can use your voice to make a difference.



Alcohol Healthwatch

Utilising credible, evidence-based information, Alcohol Healthwatch work to mobilise communities to take action on a range of alcohol-related harms.

ahw@ahw.org.nz

CAYAD

That's us! We work to reduce the harm that rangatahi experience from alcohol and drugs. We can talk you through your approach to objecting.

cayad@aklc.govt.nz

Communities Against Alcohol Harm

Work to minimise alcohol-related harm through advocacy, community action, fostering networks, education and training.

contact@communitiesagainstalcoholharm.co.nz

How to Object to an Alcohol Licence

Top Tips

You can **work with others** to write multiple objections or get letters of support for yours.

Get in touch with local schools and neighbours close to the proposed site of the licence.

Reach out to the Police, Medical Officer of Health and Council Licensing Inspector to ask them to support your objection.



Scan this QR code to access resources about the hearing process, case studies, community law and a list of the current DLC hearings.



Process Map

Reach out to community organisations and groups to get support



Think about why you want to object and how the licence will contribute to harm in the community



Gather evidence relating to your objection. This can include photos, documented noise complaints, etc.



Learn about the hearing process and what you'll need to participate

