

## TAB Venues Policy

### 1. Relevant Legislation

Racing Act 2003  
Local Government Act 2002

### 2. Definitions

**Board** means the New Zealand Racing Board established under section 7 of the Racing Act 2003.

**Existing Venue** means a TAB Venue operating as of June 2019

#### **Gambling Harm:**

- (a) means harm or distress of any kind arising from, or caused or exacerbated by, a person's gambling; and
- (b) includes personal, social, or economic harm suffered—
  - (i) by the person; or
  - (ii) the person's spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, family, whanau, or wider community; or
  - (iii) in the workplace; or
  - (iv) by society at large

**TAB** means Totalisator Agency Board

**TAB Venue** means premises that are owned or leased by the Board and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing betting or sports betting services under the Racing Act 2003. Note: this refers to a stand alone TAB which is not part of another business e.g. pub.

### 3. Policy Objectives

- 3.1** To determine Council's role under the Racing Act 2003.
- 3.2** To ensure the Council and its communities has influence over the provision of standalone TAB Venues in the District.
- 3.3** To control the growth of gambling in the District.

### 4. General Approach

- 4.1** The Racing Act 2003 requires the Council to have a policy on TAB Venues for its district. The Council is required to review its policy every three years.
- 4.2** Section 65D of the Racing Act 2003 requires that the TAB Venue Policy must specify whether or not new TAB Venues may be established in the District, and if so, where they may be located.

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**4.3** In determining its policy on whether TAB Venues may be established in the District and where any TAB venue may be located, the Council may have regard to any relevant matters, including:

- (a) the characteristics of the district and parts of the district;
- (b) the location of kindergartens, early childhood centres, schools, places of worship, and other community facilities;
- (c) the cumulative effects of additional opportunities for gambling in the district.

## 5. Policy Criteria and Conditions

### 5.1 Who the policy applies to

This policy applies to standalone TAB Venues. It does not apply to TAB facilities in premises not owned or leased by the TAB (e.g. hotels, bars and clubs).

### 5.2 TAB Venues

Council will not consent to the establishment of TAB Venues in the Western Bay of Plenty District.

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