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Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy

Statement of Proposal

Rangitikei District Council's Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy

The purpose of this Statement of Proposal is to

- 1 Inform the Rangitikei District population of the proposed Rangitikei District Council Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy ('Policy').
- 2 Enable the Rangitikei District population to have their say on this Policy through the democratic decision-making process.

Background

All Councils in New Zealand are required by the Gambling Act 2003 to have a policy on **Class 4 gambling venues**; and are required to review this Policy every three years. The purpose of this Policy is to set restrictions on Class 4 gambling venues in the Rangitikei District; Restrictions can include proximity to sensitive activities, and limits on the number of gaming machines allowed in each venue.

Options for Public Consultation



Option 1

The status quo; currently, class 4 gambling venues are restricted in the Rangitikei District. This Policy caps electronic gaming machines in the Rangitikei District at 58.



Option 2:

Change the policy to a **sinking lid**.

Community feedback is also being sought on allowing Class 4 gambling venues to merge and relocate.

Council's preferred option is **option 1: the status quo**, with a minor amendment that does not impact the outcomes of the Policy (page xyz for more information on this amendment).

It's now your turn to have your say. Do you agree with Council's preferred option?

Consultation is open 9am Tuesday 21st January to 5pm Monday 24 February 2025.

More information on how to lodge a submission can be found on page 9.

Class 4 gambling venue

Defined by the presence of electronic gaming machines (EGMs or 'pokies') in venues that are not casinos.



Sinking Lid

Once a class 4 gambling venue closes down and leaves the market, or the number of machines licenced to operate in a community decreases for any reason, council will not issue any other society a licence to replace that venue or those machines. A license expires after a period of six months of the license not being used. After this period a consent will be required.



Summary of Rangitikei District Council's Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

- To ensure Rangitikei District Council and the Rangitikei community has influence over the location of new Class 4 gambling venues, and new electronic gambling machines within the Rangitikei District - in compliance with the Gambling Act 2003.
- To restrict/regulate the number of operational electronic gambling machines in the Rangitikei.
- To ensure the Rangitikei community have access to funding from the proceeds of Class 4 gambling in the Rangitikei District.

Controls over the establishment of Class 4 gambling venues in the Rangitikei:

- A Class 4 gambling venue may only be established on licensed premises where the primary activity is not associated with family and/or children's activities.
- Council will consider granting consent for relocation of Class 4 gambling venues if it cannot continue to operate at its current site.
- Two or more Class 4 gambling venues can apply to merge into one venue.

Number of Electronic Gaming Machines in the Rangitikei District

- New Class 4 gambling venues may apply for a license to operate up to 9 electronic gaming machines.
- The number of electronic gaming machines in the Rangitikei District will not exceed 58.

Council's preferred option

Council's preferred option is option 1: The status quo - maintain the current Policy, with a minor amendment that does not impact the outcomes of the Policy:

- The following sentence is proposed to be removed from the Policy as it does not align with the policy objectives or the policy mechanisms. This is because this sentence implies the presence of a 'sinking lid' (option 2):
 - "Council wishes to reduce the number of gaming machines in the District through a process of natural attrition as machines cease operating."
- Council proposes to continue to allow two or more venues to merge.
- Council also proposes to maintain the policy that allows Council to consider allowing venues to relocate provided that the conditions in the policy are met.

Summary

We are seeking community feedback on both **option 1: The status quo and option 2: Establish a sinking lid**. We are also seeking community feedback on Council's proposal to continue allowing class 4 gambling venues to merge and relocate.

Rangitikei District Council

TAB Venue Policy

Statement of Proposal

Rangitikei District Council's TAB Venue Policy

The purpose of this Statement of Proposal is to

- 1 To inform the Rangitikei District Population of the proposed TAB Venue Policy ('Policy').
- 2 Enable the Rangitikei District population to have their say on this Policy through the democratic decision-making process.

Background

All Councils in New Zealand are required by the Racing Industry Act 2020 to have a policy on **stand-alone TAB venues** within the district; and are required to review this policy every three years. The purpose of this policy is to manage access to gambling within the Rangitikei through restricting the establishment of stand-alone TAB venues.

Options for Public Consultation



Option 1

The **status quo**; not allow stand-alone TAB venues to be established within the Rangitikei District.



Option 2:

Allow new stand-alone TAB venues to be established.

Council's preferred option is **option 1: the status quo**.

It's now your turn to have your say. Do you agree with Council's preferred option?

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Stand-alone TAB venues

Premises owned or leased by TAB New Zealand where the main purpose of the business is providing betting. There are currently no stand-alone TAB venues in the Rangitikei District.



This policy does not include:

Self-serve TAB machines	1	There is one self-service TAB venue in Marton and Taihape
Full-services TAB's located in taverns	1	There is one full-service TAB venue in Bulls



Summary of Rangitikei District Council's TAB Venue Policy

Objectives:

The objective of this policy over and above the objectives in the Racing industry Act 2020 is:

- To regulate gambling in the Rangitikei District within the scope of the Gambling Act 2003, while providing for the continued availability of sports or race betting within the District in accordance with the purpose and intent of the Gambling and Racing Acts.
- Sports or race betting has been explicitly considered when setting this policy. This policy includes current Pub/social outlets and opportunities for telephone and Internet gambling.

Controls over TAB venues:

The current policy does not allow stand-alone TAB Venues to be established in the Rangitikei District.

Council's preferred option

Council's preferred option is **option 1: the status quo**, to not allow stand-alone TAB venues to be established in the Rangitikei District as the preferred option.

The only change that has been made to the policy since it was last updated is an update to the legislation this policy is created under from the Racing Act 2003, to the Racing Industry Act 2020.

Summary

We are seeking community feedback on both **option 1: The status quo** and **option 2: Allow new stand-alone TAB venues to be established..** We are also seeking community feedback on Council's proposal to change the policy Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy to a **sinking lid**.

Social impact of gambling in the Rangitīkei

In reviewing this policy, Council has considered the social impact of gambling in the Rangitīkei District.

The key findings of this Social Impact Assessment can be found here.

The full Social Impact Assessment can be found on our website (insert link).



Key finding 1:

Impact of harmful gambling in the Rangitīkei

The impact of harmful gambling in the Rangitīkei is considered to be **medium-high**. This means, residents in the Rangitīkei District could be more likely to be exposed to **harmful gambling** than the average New Zealander. This, in part, is due to the relatively high Māori population in Rangitīkei (25% of the total Rangitīkei population are Māori).

The Ministry of Health has identified Māori, Pasifika, Asian, rangatahi (youth), and low-income populations are disproportionately affected by harmful gambling.

Revenue generated from Gambling Machine Proceeds in the Rangitīkei District



2023 was the highest year for Gambling Machine Proceeds in the last 8 years of available data. In the quarter ending March 2024, Class 4 venues in the Rangitīkei District brought in \$805,678 in proceeds.

Rangitīkei District Council has received a number of grants in recent years from Pub Charity for the Marton Market Day and Harvest Festival. The Lottery Grants Board granted Council \$374,000 in 2022 for the Ngā Awa block in Taihape. Prior to 2019 Council has received grants from Pub Charity, The Lottery Grants Board, and the Lion Foundation for a number of projects including Te Matapihi, the Marton Skatepark extension and the Shelton Pavilion refurbishment.





Key finding 2:

Popularity of class 4 gambling in New Zealand

Approximately **10%** of New Zealand adults participate in Class 4 gambling - By comparison, 9% of adults participate in TAB horse or dog race gambling, and 5% of adults participate in other types of TAB gambling.

Of those who gamble regularly, Class 4 gambling is the **5th** most common form of gambling. The most common gambling method for those who participate in gambling regularly is Lotto and online overseas websites.



Key finding 3:

Prevalence of gambling-related harm

On average, **1 in 5 people** experience gambling related harm in their lifetime: Either directly through individual gambling habits, or indirectly through others gambling.

- Gambling related harm can present in many ways including increased stress and anxiety, going without food or paying

Class 4 gambling venue



Defined by the presence of electronic gaming machines (EGMs or 'pokies') in venues that are not casinos.

There are currently 58 electronic gambling machine's across five class 4 gambling venues within the Rangitikei District. Two of these venues are located in Marton, and one each located in Bulls, Hunterville, and Taihape.

Harmful gambling

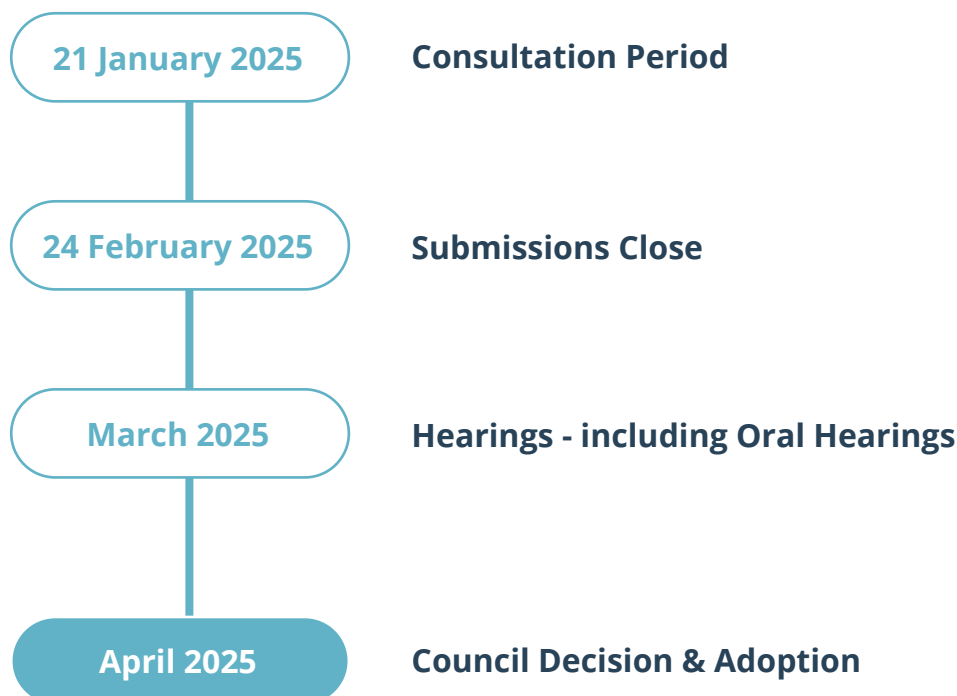


Harmful gambling is gambling that causes or may cause harm to an individual, his or her family, or the wider community. All gambling can cause harm.

The harmful effects of gambling can include:

- Financial problems
- Problems at work (ranging from poor performance to fraud)
- Poor parenting and other relationship problems
- Family violence
- Alcohol abuse
- Mental health problems
- Suicide

Have your say on both Rangitikei District Council's Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy, and Rangitikei District Council's TAB Venue Policy



Written submissions from the community are open from
9am Tuesday 21st January to 5pm Monday 24 February 2025.

Anyone who makes a written submission may also make an oral submission. If you wish to make an oral submission, please indicate this on your submission form.

Submissions can be made:

- **Online:** you can find the online submission form at: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations
- **In person:** hard copies of the form are available at and can be dropped off to: Council's Community Hubs in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton or from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
- **Email:** email your submission to submissions@rangitikei.govt.nz
- **Post:** **Gambling Venues Policy Review**
Rangitikei District Council
46 High St, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741

Submission Form

This form should be used for submitting on the Gambling Venues (Class 4) Policy and the TAB Venues Policy

Please provide your feedback by 5pm 24 February 2025

Submitter Details

Full name of submitter:

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation?

(If yes, this confirms you have the authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

Yes No

Name of organisation:

Postal address:

Phone:

Email:

(Please provide at least one form of contact so staff can respond to you about your submission)

I would like to speak to Council in person about my feedback:

Yes No

Please indicate if you would like to use New Zealand Sign Language:

Yes No

Privacy Statement

All submissions are treated as public information and are included in papers available to the public, media, and on our website.

Your contact details, but not your name or organisation *(if applicable)* will be withheld from the general public.

Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy

What option do you support for Class 4 'pokie' gambling within the Rangitikei District?



Option 1

Retain the status quo with minor amendments – Cap at 58 EGMs



Option 2:

Change to a sinking lid policy



Option 3:

Something else *(please specify)*

Comments:

Do you support the policy allowing two or more venues to merge? Yes No

Comments: _____




Do you support the policy allowing venues to relocate? Yes No

Comments: _____

Additional comments: _____

TAB Venue Policy

What option do you support for TAB venues within the Rangitikei District?

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|---|--------------------------|-----------|---|
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Option 1 | Retain the status quo with minor amendments
- do not allow venues to establish |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Option 2: | Change the policy to allow new venues |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Option 3: | <i>Something else (please specify)</i> |

Comments: _____

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