

1. Aim of the Policy



This policy aims to provide a framework for consistent decision-making about the sale of liquor within Wellington City with the intent of reducing alcohol abuse. It is a combination of community expectations about how alcohol is made available to consumers and legislative requirements governing generally accepted norms of behaviour. This policy allows the Council to fine tune the application of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 through its own activities and those of the Liquor Licensing Authority (LLA).

The objective of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 is to establish a reasonable system of control over the sale and supply of liquor to the public with the aim of contributing to the reduction of liquor abuse. This policy is designed to assist the Council in meeting its obligations under the Act.

The Sale of Liquor Act 1989 requires the Council to undertake the role of District Licensing Agency. The term "*District Licensing Agency*" (DLA) used in this policy refers to a function of the Council and not a separate body. The term "*Council*" is used to refer to the whole of the Council where other functions (such as noise control or District Plan compliance) may be relevant to the management of the sale and supply of liquor.

The DLA's role is to exercise its jurisdiction, powers, and discretions under the Act in the manner that is most likely to promote the object of this Act. An important part of this is the DLA acting on behalf of the community to represent the particular needs of Wellington City.