

Hey, we need to talk me kōrero ngātahi tātou

We're reviewing our
**Class 4 Gambling Venue and NZ
Racing Board Venue Policy 2017** and
we want to know what you think.

This policy relates to the rules about pokies and
TAB venues in our district.

When we've taken into account all your feedback,
we'll finish off the policy and it will be adopted by
Council.

IMPORTANT DATES

Open for feedback from
17 July 2020 to 17 August 2020.

TALK TO US

Tell us what you think in person: 9 September
2020 in the Hauraki District Council Chambers,
William Street, Paeroa.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The full policy is available at Council offices, online
at <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz> or
give us a call and we'll send a copy to you.

See the next page for the various ways you can
have your say.

What we're proposing

We last reviewed our Class 4 Gambling Venue and
NZ Racing Board Venue Policy in 2017, so it's time
we looked at it again to ensure it's still working in
the best interests of our communities.

Overall, we think it's doing the job we wanted it to
do so we're not proposing any major changes.

We want to continue with a sinking lid policy,
where no new gaming machines are allowed in our
district and any machines that are removed can't
be replaced. This way we'll slowly reduce the
overall numbers of machines over time.

We've made some minor tweaks to the policy
which include changing its title to be a bit simpler,
updating the references to New Zealand Racing
Board, and removing some clauses that are out of
date.

But we want to know what you think. Does this
policy still meet the needs of our communities?



A guide to giving feedback

Any organisation or member of the public can give us feedback in writing, on the phone, in person or all of these. This is your chance to tell us your thoughts about what we're proposing.

Good feedback is clear, concise and to the point. Tell us which parts you support, and which ones you don't. Let us know why. You are most welcome to provide additional pages or supporting material to with your feedback.

Remember to provide your contact details if you would like to be kept informed of the decisions made after considering your feedback.

Your feedback will be a council record, so may be reproduced as an attachment to a Council agenda, made publicly available and remain on Council minute records. If you aren't providing feedback on behalf of an organisation and would like your contact details to be kept private, please let us know.

We'll notify everyone who provides feedback of the outcome in writing.

Special assistance

We can offer assistance with special requirements at a hearing in terms of language translation, including that of sign language, or presenting through audio visual mechanisms. If assistance is required, please let us know and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

Huh?! What's a policy?

Our policies only apply to the Hauraki District. They provide guidance on issues or topics for consideration, which helps with Council's decision-making.

This policy is about the amount of pokie machines and TAB venues allowed in our district, how many gaming machines each venue can have and where they can be located.

We make our policies in consultation with you – that's why your feedback is important to us.

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We review how well the policy is working, involving key groups

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Changes are made to the policy as a result of early discussions

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You tell us what you think of the proposed changes to the policy

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We look at the feedback and may make further changes as a result of your views

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The policy is adopted and then effective

How you can have your say

If you want to **talk** to us:

- contact an Elected Member to discuss your thoughts. You can find their contact details on our website <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/mayor-councillors/>.
- contact us to book in to speak to the Council at a hearing in Paeroa on 9 September 2020, or tick the box on the feedback form to show us you're keen to attend. We'll contact you closer to the date of the hearing to arrange a time for you to share your thoughts with the Councillors.
- give us a call and speak with a member of the strategic planning team – we can draft your feedback into a written statement and we'll provide you with a copy.

If you want to **write** to us:

- fill out the online feedback form on our website <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz>
- private message or comment on our Facebook page
- email your feedback to info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz
- write a letter, or fill in the printed feedback form (available at our service centres, or downloadable from our website)