1 Introduction

A Board Venue is a Totalisator Agency Board (TAB) operated on premises owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing betting or sports betting services under the Racing Act 2003.

The Racing Act 2003 requires the New Zealand Racing Board (the Board) to gain consent from the Waimakariri District Council if it proposes to establish a new Board venue (TAB).

The policy is limited to New Zealand Racing Board owned TAB outlets. It does not cover TAB terminals in privately owned premises such as hotels, taverns or clubs as these may be established without Territorial Authority Consent.

2 Policy Context

Under Section 65D of the Racing Act 2003 territorial authorities must adopt a Board Venue policy for stand-alone “TABs” operated by the Board.

All TAB’s within this District are within licensed premises or clubs and so while the Council is required to have a Board Venue Policy, there are no premises to which it applies.

3 Policy Objective

To ensure the Council and the community has influence over the provision of new gambling in the District.

Section 65D of the New Zealand Racing Act specifies:

1. A territorial authority must, within 6 months after the commencement of this section, adopt a policy on Board venues.
2. In adopting a policy, the territorial authority must have regard to the social impact of gambling within the territorial authority district.
3. The policy must specify whether or not new Board venues may be established in the territorial authority district and, if so, where they may be located.
4. In determining its policy on whether Board venues may be established in the territorial district and where any Board venues may be located, the territorial authority 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.
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4 Policy Statement

Matters the Council will consider when making a decision on any application are:

1. That the venues are not in a Residential Zone as defined by the Operative District Plan.

2. That the venue is not on a site that the Council considers will unnecessarily display gambling activity to places and institutions primarily frequented by people under the age of 18 years old.

Applications & fees:

1. All applications will be publicly notified and open for submissions for a period of 10 working days. The Hearings Committee will hear and decide all applications.

2. All fees and charges must be paid before any consent is granted. A deposit of $1000 is required with hearing costs and disbursements charged monthly.

3. Councillor and staff time is charged at the rates specified in the Fees and Charges Schedule.

5 Links to legislation, other policies and community outcomes

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<td>Gambling Venue Policy 2013</td>
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<td>• There is a safe environment for all</td>
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6 Adopted by and date

The Board Venue Policy 2013 was approved by the Resource Management and Regulation Committee at its meeting on 16 July 2013.

The Resource Management and Regulation Committee has the delegation to be responsible for gambling venues.
7 Review

Council must complete a review every three years. The next review is due in May 2016.