



Wairarapa TAB Board Venue Policy

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The purpose of the Racing Act 2003 (the Act) is to provide effective governance arrangements for the racing industry; facilitate betting on galloping, harness, greyhound races, and other sporting events; and to promote the long term viability of New Zealand racing.

The Act requires territorial local authorities to have in place a policy that specifies whether or not TAB stand-alone venues may be established in the district.

1.0 Objectives

- 1.1 To minimise the harm to the community caused by TAB Board Venue¹ gambling
- 1.2 To have regard to the social impacts of gambling in the Wairarapa Region
- 1.3 To ensure that Councils and their communities have influence over the provision of new TAB Board Venues in the Wairarapa region.
- 1.4 To have regard to the cumulative effects of additional opportunities for gambling in the district.

2.0 Applications

- 2.1 Applications must be made on the approved form and must provide:
 - 2.1.1 A scale site plan covering both gambling and other activities proposed for the venue including any screening or separation from other activities proposed
 - 2.1.2 Name and contact details of the applicant
 - 2.1.3 Street address of the proposed or existing TAB Board Venue
 - 2.1.4 A copy of any certificate of compliance or resource consent required for the primary activity of the venue under the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.
- 2.2 No new TAB Board venue will be permitted where the Councils believe that the character of the district, or part of the district for which the venue is proposed will be adversely affected, or where there is likely to be an adverse effect on any kindergartens, early childhood centres, schools, places of worship or other community facilities.

3.0 Application Fee

- 3.1 Fees will be set by the Councils annually and will include consideration of the cost of:
 - i. processing the application
 - ii. establishing and triennially reviewing the TAB Board Venue Policy
 - iii. the triennial assessment of the economic and social impact of gambling in the Wairarapa.

4.0 Review of Policy

- 4.1 The policy will be reviewed every three years.

¹ A board venue refers to a premises that are owned or leased by the TAB Racing Board and where the main business at the premises is providing racing betting or sports betting services under the Racing Act 2003.