

Sian Swinney for QLDC – Summary of Evidence, 25 November 2016

Chapter 12 Queenstown Town Centre – Hearing Stream 08

1. There are some areas of overlap between the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (**SSAA**) and the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**). However, the two regimes have different purposes and so not all areas are necessarily covered under the SSAA which are covered under the RMA and vice versa.
2. In my view, controlled activity status for the activity of operating licensed premises would be appropriate in the Town Centre Zone and the Town Centre Transition Subzone.
3. I am supportive of allowing the use of outside spaces until 11 pm and dining outside until 12 am, without the need to obtain resource consent. Noise related issues could be dealt with under the Amenity and Good Order provisions of the SSAA. Previous resource consents that prevent this use as a matter of consent, were granted prior to the commencement of the SSAA.
4. In relation to the submission requesting a restriction on the number of licensed premises, there is currently no evidence in the Queenstown Lakes District to suggest restricting the number of licensed premises would decrease the noise levels in the town centre or that density of premises is an issue.
5. The Steamer Wharf complex would be subject to resource consent requirements if premises are requesting to operate outside until 11 pm and to 12 am for the purpose of dining. This provision would be in place due to the location of the complex in relation to a major hotel.
6. If the outside dining hours are extended to 12 am, extension of licence hours can be addressed during the SSAA licensing process.
7. I support the permitted PDP time limits in notified Rule 12.4.4 aligning with the default national maximum trading hour provisions in s 43 of the SSAA. I do not believe there are any specific reasons in the District that justifies different trading hours.

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8. I also consider that reference to 'liquor' in the PDP should be amended to 'alcohol' in accordance with the SSAA.