

Kapiti Coast District Council TAB Venue Gambling Policy 2019

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The Kapiti Coast District Council TAB Venue Gambling Policy 2019 was approved at a meeting of the Kāpiti Coast District Council held on 11 April 2019, after completion of a public consultation process.
- 1.2 This Policy has been made pursuant to section 65D of the Racing Act 2003, and reviewed in accordance with section 65E of the Racing Act 2003.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Policy, unless the context requires otherwise:

Gambling Harm	means the adverse impact problem gamblers have on themselves, their family and friends, and wider society. For instance, problem gamblers suffer from increased rates of bankruptcy, arrest, imprisonment, unemployment, divorce, and poor physical and mental health. There is also evidence to suggest that problem gamblers have higher rates of suicide.
Problem Gambling	means a pattern of gambling behaviour that disrupts and damages a person's life, their friendships, family relationships and job interests.
The Council	means the Kapiti Coast District Council or any committee, community board, or an enforcement officer authorised to exercise the authority of the Council.
TAB Venue	means a stand-alone venue that is owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. used mainly for racing or sport betting; orii. a racecourse.

3. Objectives of the Policy

- 3.1 To support the purpose and intent of the Racing Act 2003.
- 3.2 To provide for the continued availability of TAB venue gambling within the Kāpiti Coast District in accordance with the purpose and intent of the Racing Act 2003.
- 3.3 To encourage responsible gambling practices and attitudes in TAB venues.

4. Scope of the Policy

- 4.1 This Policy covers stand-alone TAB venues, which are owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board. Council consent is not required under current legislation to establish a TAB facility in a bar, hotel or club. If a TAB venue wishes to host gaming machines, a separate application must be made under Council's Class 4 Gambling Policy and the TAB venue must also meet the additional criteria set out in that Policy.

5. Rules Regarding TAB Venues

- 5.1 This Policy maintains the existing cap on stand-alone TAB venues at two (2). No new stand-alone TAB venues will be approved in any part of the Kapiti Coast District if it means this cap will be exceeded.
- 5.2 Where an existing TAB venue is ceasing to operate, the Council may, at its own discretion, allow the relocation of existing venue conditions to another location(s) that meets the criteria of the Policy.

6. Next Policy Review

- 6.1 In accordance with section 65E of the Racing Act 2003, this Policy will be reviewed by the Council in 2021.