

Decision Number 60C [2017] 1364

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of  
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by  
PACIFIC PARK HOTEL  
LTD for an On-Site  
Special Licence pursuant  
to s22 of the Act in  
respect of premises  
known as Bealey  
Speights Ale House  
situated at 263 Bealey  
Ave, Christchurch.

DECISION OF THE CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Mr R.J.Wilson

Members Mr P.Rogers  
Mr G.Buchanan

[1] This is an application by Pacific Park Hotel Ltd for a Special Licence pursuant to s22 of the Act for premises known as Bealey Speights Ale House situated at 263 Bealey Avenue Christchurch.

[2] The applicant seeks a licence for six days in June 2017 and two days in July 2017 coinciding with live TV screening of the British and Irish Lions Rugby Tour. It seeks a licence to 1 am for the provincial games and to 3 am for the tests. The application describes the events as providing best value for those wanting to watch the Lions matches in Christchurch. The applicant envisages playing music prior to the games and to celebrate after them. The events would be open to the public.

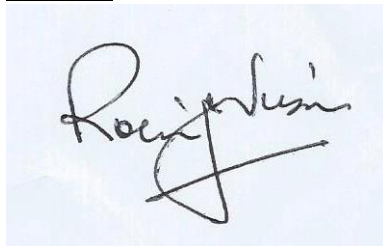
[3] The application was received without the required 20 working days notice but in light of the explanation offered I granted a waiver pursuant to s208 so it could be processed. As it happens all three reporting agencies have reported in opposition to the application. Opposition from the agencies does not of itself trigger a requirement for a public hearing and the Committee has determined that in this case it is not necessary and the application will be determined on the papers.

[4] The Agencies all oppose the application because they believe the proposed events do not meet the criteria for a Special Licence and are in fact no more than an opportunity for extended hours. It has been pointed out to us that the rugby games will screen from around 7.35 pm in the evening and should be well over by 9.30 pm. It is argued that should give ample time for celebration or commiseration before the normal closing time of 11 pm.

#### DECISION

{5} The Committee has had regard to the matters set out in s142 of the Act. It agrees with the Agencies that this application does not meet the requirements of the legislation. In particular it does not relate to genuine events but appears to be a request for extended hours to allow the general public to purchase and consume alcohol long after the normal closing time of the premises. The application is refused.

DATED at Christchurch this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

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R.J.Wilson  
Chairperson  
Christchurch District Licensing Committee