



Statement of Proposal - Taupō District Council Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

Taupō District Council is seeking feedback on a proposed new policy to allow shops in the district to trade on Easter Sunday.

Why are we creating a new policy?

In 2016 new rules allowed councils to create a local policy that allows shops to open in parts of their district, or across the entire district.

Taupō's town centre has had an exemption to allow shops to open between 10am and 3pm on Easter Sunday since 1989. However, the new rules now allow councils to create a policy that allows all shops within the district or an extended part of the district to open on Easter Sunday for their normal operating hours.

What changes would a new policy bring?

- The proposed policy allows for retailers across the district to trade on Easter Sunday, not just those in the Taupō town centre.
- It also proposes retailers would be able to open before 10am and stay open after 3pm.

What this policy cannot do?

- Require all shops to open.
- Regulate the hours shops that choose to open.
- Require employees to work on Easter Sunday. Under legislation employees have the ability to refuse to work on Easter Sunday, provided notice is given within a reasonable timeframe.
- Affect the existing Taupō town centre exemption or other exemptions such as food and beverage, pharmacies, garden centres etc that are already permitted to open.

We would love to hear your views.

We are now inviting feedback on the following:

- Do you agree with allowing shops outside Taupō town centre to open on Easter Sunday?
- Should all shops across the district be allowed to open or just those in certain locations?

Full analysis of the options can view viewed online at: taupo.govt.nz/consultation.

How to give feedback

You can make a submission:

Online at taupo.govt.nz/consultation

By email: hsamuel@taupo.govt.nz

Visit any council office in Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino.

Mail to: Hilary Samuel, Taupō District Council, Private Bag 2005, Taupō 3377.

We need to receive your submission no later than 5pm on 31 October 2017. We'll then contact submitters who wish to speak about their views to attend a Council hearing to take place in November.