

Attachment 1 - Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy Submission Summary

Sub No.	Name	Organisation	Support shops outside town centre opening	Support for policy comment	All shops to open or certain locations	All shops to open or certain locations comment	General Comments
1	Alex Fielder	N/A	YES		District wide		No
2	Renee Gray	N/A	NO	We should recognise Easter for what it is and keep Easter Sunday sacred and for the celebration and remembrance of Jesus Christ giving his life for the world and rising from the dead and living eternally as he is the way and the light and not monetise or make light of his sacrifice or the meaning of Easter.	Certain locations only	Petrol stations and four squares, supervalues and dairies only to allow people the basic necessities needed.	Remember why we have Easter and respect the reason we recognise that day every year and celebrate it not monetise it.
3	Maria Mills	N/A	YES		District wide		As a very busy tourism centre, it makes sense that our shops and restaurants are open to service our overseas guests and domestic travellers. Also, as Easter Sunday is a religious holiday, I don't feel every business owner should be forced to close if this is not their faith. It should be the choice of the business owner as to whether they wish to open.
4	Angela Dimery	Foodstuffs North Island Limited	YES		District wide		<p>For its part, the majority of Foodstuffs members would welcome the opportunity to open their stores on Easter Sunday. The current restriction is inconvenient for the many family holiday-makers that travel away from home to Taupo for holidays and require provisions for their stay. It is also inconvenient for the many international tourists that visit at Easter time, and all our other customers who would simply like more days to buy groceries over the long-weekend.</p> <p>We note that, if the Council were to introduce a policy allowing Easter Sunday trading, individual retailers within the district would be free to choose whether or not to open, retail employees would be free to choose whether or not to work (with statutory protections if they elect not to), and members of the public could choose, individually, whether they wanted to shop or not. In this sense permitting Easter Sunday trading would enable individuals to exercise personal choices.</p>

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5	Julie McLeod	Towncentre Taupo	YES		District wide		Towncentre Taupo believes in providing a consistent approach across the district for trading on Easter Sunday. The new rules would give shop owners the choice to open or close as well as expand the offering, which is in line with being a tourist destination.
6	Kylie Hawker-Green	Enterprise Great Lake Taupo	YES		District wide		The Board of Enterprise Great Lake Taupo supports Option One - developing a policy that allows shops to open across the district. We agree with the advantages noted in the options paper, and note; It is fair and reasonable that businesses across the district have the same trading conditions, rather than favouring one geographical group. There is potentially significant financial benefit for those businesses who choose to open on Easter Sunday. Increased breadth of Easter Sunday trading should return wider economic benefit to the greater district. Increased breadth of Easter Sunday trading will help the district to continue to hold a competitive advantage over other regional centres, some of whom have chosen not to trade on Easter Sunday
7	Catie Noble	Chamber of Commerce and Industry	YES	84% of members surveyed agreed	District wide	74% said district wide	Please see full submission
8	Damian Coutts	DGLT	Yes		District wide		For a number of years there has been an exemption in place for businesses located within the Taupō central business district, allowing them to trade on Easter Sunday. We note that the amended policy proposes that this exemption should be extended both in time, and geographical extent, so that other remote sites and other retail centres are covered. DGLT supports this change. Easter weekend is a very popular long weekend for tourism in the district and having a good array of activities, retail and food and beverage venues open is critical for the region to maximise spend/economic benefit.