



JULY 2017

TRADING ON EASTER SUNDAY YES OR NO?

This Statement of Proposal has been prepared in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and relates to new powers under the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 Part 2, Sub-part 1.

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**Waipa**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

TRADING ON EASTER SUNDAY

YES OR NO?



BACKGROUND

In August 2016 the Government decided that all 79 Councils in New Zealand should choose whether or not to allow shops in their city or district to trade on Easter Sunday. Before this law change most shops had to remain closed on three and a half days of the year – Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Anzac Day (until 1pm) and Christmas Day.

Now our Council must decide, on behalf of all ratepayers, whether or not Easter Sunday trading should be permitted in the Waipa district. (The decision would not affect Good Friday, which would remain a non-trading day, or Easter Monday).

A number of nearby councils have already adopted new Easter Sunday trading policies. Hauraki District Council, Waikato District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council now all have policies which allow Easter Sunday trading. Hamilton City Council will make a decision in July 2017. Waipa District Council is now considering a draft policy which, if adopted, would allow shops to trade on that day **if they wish to**.

The Council is now formally seeking your views on that draft policy. A decision on whether or not to allow Easter Sunday trading in the Waipa district will not be made until the community's views have been heard.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

Under current rules, most shops in Waipa District cannot trade on Easter Sunday.

Waipa District Council is proposing to adopt a policy which, if adopted, would change that situation. If the draft policy is adopted, it would allow shops in Waipa to trade on Easter Sunday if they chose to. Shops could not be 'forced' to open.

By law, all shop employees could refuse to work on Easter Sunday, without having to give a reason.

If a policy was adopted, it would only apply to Easter Sunday. The policy would not impact on Good Friday (which would remain a non-trading day) or Easter Monday. If trading on Easter Sunday was permitted, the council (by law) could not control the types of shops that might open. Nor could the council (by law) control opening hours of those shops.

The policy would not override other rules relating to shop trading, such as liquor licensing laws. Those rules would still apply.

WHAT SHOPS CAN OPEN NOW?

Under current law, some shops are allowed to open on Easter Sunday – but with conditions attached. Those shops include dairies, service stations, takeaway bars, restaurants and cafes, duty free stores, shops providing services but not selling goods (e.g. a hairdresser or video store), real estate agencies, pharmacies, garden centres, shops at public transport hubs, shops within an exhibition or show and souvenir stores. For more information go to www.employment.govt.nz/leave-and-holidays/public-holidays/restricted-shop-trading-days

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Councils are now required to set their own rules around Easter Sunday trading in their city or district.

Waipa District Council is considering a draft policy which, if adopted, would allow shops in the district to trade on Easter Sunday.

Options considered

There are two options being considered.

Option 1:

If the draft Easter Sunday Trading policy is not adopted, the status quo will stand. This means Waipa shops (with very few exceptions) would not be allowed to trade on Easter Sunday.

Option 2:

If the draft Easter Sunday Trading policy is adopted, shops in the Waipa district would be allowed to trade on Easter Sunday.

Waipa District Council is now seeking the views of its community on whether or not to allow trading on Easter Sunday in its district. A final decision will not be made until October 2017, once the views of the community have been heard.

HAVE YOUR SAY

This submission form overleaf allows you to have your say on the whether or not shops in the Waipa district should be allowed to trade on Easter Sunday if they wish to.

You can make a submission:



Online:

www.waipadc.govt.nz/haveyoursay



Delivered to:

Waipa District Council, 101 Bank St, Te Awamutu
Waipa District Council, 23 Wilson St, Cambridge



Emailed to:

submissions@waipadc.govt.nz
(Please write 'Easter Sunday Trading submission' in the subject line)



Face-to-face

at drop-in sessions at our district libraries.
Sessions will be held at:



Posted to:

Waipa District Council
Attn: Easter Sunday Trading submission
Private Bag 2402
Te Awamutu 3840

CAMBRIDGE library:

11:30am-1:00pm, Monday 17 July 2017,
4:30pm-6:30pm, Thursday 3 August 2017



Attending a hearing:

Speaking to Councillors at a formal public hearing on Tuesday, September 5.
Time to be confirmed.

TE AWAMUTU library:

11:30am-1:00pm, Wednesday 19 July 2017
4:30pm-6:30pm, Monday 31 July 2017

