

**Attachment 3– Police comment for Proposed Alcohol Control Areas  
(existing areas)**

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## Alcohol Control Bylaw reviews

Feedback form for New Zealand Police Officers

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Which alcohol control area are you commenting on?

Area Choose an area

District FNDC

Please briefly describe the problems experienced in the area before the ban was put in place, either through personal experience, or through feedback from colleagues or the community. Leave empty if you cannot comment.

Reply for FNDC area – Mid / Far North Police District

Alcohol consumption in public places has previously led to public place disorder, high volume calls for service, noise complaints, property damage and violence against persons.

Previously this impacted on staffing deployment beyond normal rostered shifts and call backs for staff on call (outside of rostered hours), which placed high demand on policing resources.

There is a consensus amongst Police Officers and community members that liquor ban areas and enforcement have greatly assisted in the reduction of alcohol related harm and offending within the FNDC boundary.

Please briefly describe the types of alcohol related crime and disorder issues that have occurred, or currently occur in this area:

Disorder, assaults, alcohol fueled offending due to excessive consumption and discarded bottles and rubbish. Preloading by drinking in a public place prior to entry to licensed premises.

We are able to communicate with person's located drinking alcohol in a public place and within liquor ban areas in a positive manner by explaining the bylaws and their options.

Seasonal variation and demand is still high due to large scale events at Christmas, New Year and peak demand holiday periods. Northland experiences a significant increase in visitors during these key periods (domestic and international). The bylaw assists significantly during these periods.

Driving under the influence of alcohol (after consumption in public places and licensed premises) is still a concern for Police, however the bylaw gives Police another tool to reduce alcohol harm on our roads by stopping potential drink drivers before they get in their vehicles and drive.

The current bylaw allows for the amenity and good order of the locality by reducing the effects of alcohol consumed in a public place.

Please describe how the alcohol control in this area assists you in supporting community safety:

Ability to intervene, have positive conversations, educate persons (both locals and visitors) and lastly enforcement as necessary.

This aligns with our Police Purpose – ‘Be safe, feel safe’ and our goals to prevent crime and victimisation.

There is a link to our strategic targets and objectives in relation to reducing deaths on our roads (from alcohol), lowering victimisation (public place) and increasing Trust and Confidence.

Police factor in liquor ban areas into all our key policing operations, taskings and activities as a form of positive intervention and crime prevention. Liquor ban areas and bylaws are an essential part of public place policing, reduction in alcohol related offending and keeping people safe.

A liquor ban area assists with reducing the excessive and inappropriate consumption of alcohol in a public place which is one of the objective of the Act. Police positively enforce this bylaw by using communication, prevention and a graduated enforcement response.

A liquor ban bylaw allows the FNDC, Police and community stakeholders to work in partnership to keep people safe and reduce victims of alcohol harm.

For this alcohol control area, what would you like to see in the future?

Retain the area as it is.