

**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by Le Currents Limited, pursuant to Section 138 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 for an On Site Special Licence

## **DECISION OF THE TAUPO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **Before the Taupo District Licensing Committee:**

Commissioner: Murray Clearwater  
Member Graeme Cushing  
Member Judy James

### **The Application**

This is an application by Le Currents Limited for an on site Special Licence pursuant to Section 138 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 for the **Le Currents Music Festival**. It was formally received by the Taupō District Licensing Committee on 17th September 2024.

Up to 6500 patrons are expected to attend this 4<sup>th</sup> music concert Le Currents Limited have promoted in Taupo in recent years.

Previous events have been managed without major incidents and without the sale of Red Bull and Vodka.

A large contingent of P4G Security will be on site and drinks will be limited to 2 per person per sale.

### **Reasons for the Decision**

The applicant appears to be a responsible entity to hold a Special Licence, and eight certificated managers will oversee the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol.

The Police and Medical Officer of Health reports raise matters in opposition.

This requires the DLC to consider the application as a quorum of three. We have also chosen to consider and determine this application on the papers and not set it down for a hearing.

We sought submissions for the three agencies and the applicant.

Broadly the two agencies oppose the sale of Red Bull with added Vodka. We are aware of the research papers some of which do not support the sale of this combination and other researchers who say there is no significant harm risks.

We are of the view that it introduces another level of opportunity for harm that is not needed in a medium to high risk event. The mixed drink will not be permitted as we determined last year.

Similarly, the suite of conditions we imposed last year appear to have been successful in minimising the opportunity for harm and they will be rolled over.

### **The Decision**

We are satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in the Act and we grant the applicant a Special Licence authorising the sale and supply of alcohol to any person attending the following occasion or event (or series of occasions or events): **Le Currents Music Festival**.

The licence shall be subjected to mandatory and discretionary conditions as detailed in the attached licence.

Dated at Taupō on 12 November 2024



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Murray Clearwater  
**Commissioner**  
**Taupō District Licensing Committee**



**GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ**  
Taupo District Council

## On Site Special Licence

*Section 22 and 64, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012*

**Pursuant** to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **Le Currents Limited** is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 1 Delany Drive, Taupo and known as Owen Delany Park for consumption on the premises, to any person attending the following occasion or event (or series of occasions or events): **Le Currents Music Festival**.

The authority conferred by this licence must be exercised through a managers or managers appointed by the licensee in accordance with Subpart 7 of Part 2 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

### CONDITIONS

This licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold and supplied for consumption on the premises only on the following days and hours: **Friday 27 December 2024 from 12.00 noon to 10.30pm (all bars are to close at 9.30pm)**.
2. The whole of the premises is to be designated as a Restricted Area (as identified as outlined in the event site plan provided with the application as received by the Taupo District Licensing Committee on 17 September 2024).
3. The following types of alcohol may be sold and in the following types of containers only: Beer, RTD's and alcoholic cider will be sold at the event, no free-pour spirits. All products will be served in cans and plastic recyclable cups.
4. All canned alcohol products will be depressurised at the point of sale.
5. Alcohol serves: A maximum of two alcoholic drinks can be sold to one person at any one time from 12.00 noon to 9.30pm.
6. Police have the ability to require further reduction of alcohol service sizes, or a shift to low alcohol beverages, or to request a closure of all, or any bar, at any time based on intoxication levels and/or crowd behaviour. Any request will be evidence based on review meetings with the licensee and any of the Taupo Police, Alcohol Licensing Inspectorate, or the Medical Officer of Health Representative.
7. Drinking water is to be provided to patrons free of charge from a water supply prominently situated on the premises.
8. A certificated manager must be on duty at all times, within the licensed area, when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol and their full name must be on a sign prominently displayed.
9. Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, in accordance with the sample menu supplied with the application for this licence, or menu variations of a similar range and standard.
10. The licensee must have available for consumption on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.
11. The Licensee must display signage as follows:
  - a. At every point-of-sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - b. A copy of the licence attached to the premises so as to be easily read by persons attending the premises; and
  - c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
  - d. The licensee must provide information and advice about forms of transport available to patrons from the licensed premises.

### DURATION

This licence is only in force as specified in Condition 1.

### THE LICENSED PREMISES

The licensed premises known as the Le Currents 2024, situated at Owen Delany Park, 1 Delany Drive, Taupo, is more precisely identified as outlined in the event site plan provided with the application as received by the Taupo District Licensing Committee on 17 September 2024.

Dated at Taupo on 12 November 2024

Murray Clearwater  
**Commissioner**  
Taupo District Licensing Committee