

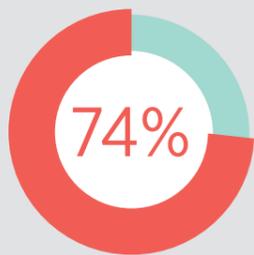
# It's time to have your say on alcohol in Auckland



The Auckland Council is creating a Local Alcohol Policy that will decide the way alcohol is sold and supplied in your community. Auckland Council is publicly consulting on the draft Local Alcohol Policy from 16th June - 16th July, 2014. It is important that you have your say on what you think this policy needs to include.

**Are you concerned about alcohol in your community? You are not alone; other Aucklanders are concerned about alcohol and its supply as well...**

- Two-thirds of Aucklanders believe that the overall impact of drinking on life in Auckland is negative.
- Just over half think alcohol or drugs are a problem in their area.
- 85% agree that there is a problem with youth and drinking in Auckland.
- 68% would like liquor stores and supermarkets to sell alcohol no earlier than 10am and no later than 10pm.
- 61% want a maximum closing time of 2am for pubs, bars and clubs<sup>1</sup>.



74% OF AUCKLANDERS THINK THAT ALCOHOL IS TOO EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET HOLD OF (Auckland Council, 2011).

**Evidence shows that the availability and accessibility of alcohol in our communities is contributing to poor health outcomes, youth drinking, domestic violence, crime, drink driving and antisocial behaviours.**

Research shows that longer opening hours are connected with more:



**The Local Alcohol Policy can help to turn this around by:**

- Decreasing the numbers of alcohol outlets in your community by introducing a regional cap on alcohol licences and/or a sinking lid in high stress areas;
- Reducing the trading hours of alcohol outlets
  - ▶ 10am - 2am for on-licence taverns/bars/pubs in the CBD,
  - ▶ 10am - 12am for suburban on-licences, and
  - ▶ 10am - 9pm for all off-licences in Auckland.
- Ensuring alcohol outlets are located a certain distance from sensitive sites such as educational institutions, youth facilities, marae and treatment facilities.
- Having a comprehensive list of conditions for each licence type that licensees are required to comply with.

It is really important that community voices are heard during this consultation process. There are various ways you can make yourself heard:

- **Write a submission** to Auckland Council (our templates and postcards can help),
- Follow this up with an **oral submission** - it is really powerful speaking with Councillors face to face; they need to hear your story,
- Arrange for a representative to come and do a **presentation** on the draft Local Alcohol Policy to your group,
- Attend one of a number of **community workshops**.
- Become a **community champion** - brush up on your media advocacy skills, write letters to the editor, comment in the media around this issue.

<sup>1</sup>Nielsen (2013) Quality of Life Survey Auckland & Auckland Council (2011) Alcohol related harms research.

For more details on any of these opportunities or to access further information and resources please visit [www.ahw.org.nz](http://www.ahw.org.nz)  
**You have the power to bring change! Make sure you have your say today!**

