



CLASS IV GAMBLING AND BOARD VENUE POLICY

Date Adopted	Next Review	Officer Responsible

Policy Purpose:

The Policy is made under the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Board Act 2003.

The objectives of the Policy are to control the growth of gambling, prevent and minimise the harm caused by gambling, facilitate responsible gambling and community involvement in decisions about gambling.

Interpretation

Class 4 Gambling is defined in the Gambling Act 2003 as:

“(a) gambling that is not gambling of another class and that satisfies the following criteria:

- (i) the net proceeds from the gambling are applied to or distributed for authorised purposes;
- (ii) no commission is paid to, or received by, a person for conducting the gambling;
- (iii) the gambling satisfies relevant game rules;” and

(b) gambling that utilises or involves a gaming machine; or

(c) gambling categorised by the Secretary [for Internal Affairs] as class 4 gambling.”

Class 4 Gambling venue is a place used to conduct Class 4 Gambling.

Board venue is defined in the Racing Act 2003 as: “...a premise owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing betting or sports betting services under the Racing Act 2003”.

Policy:

1. Rotorua District Council will not grant consent for the establishment of any new Class 4 Gambling venues or any new Board venues. This also means that the Council will not grant consent for the relocation of an existing venue.

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2. Rotorua District Council will not grant consent to an increase in the number of gaming machines in an existing Class 4 Gambling venue, in circumstances where an application might be made to the Minister under section 96(2) of the Gambling Act.

3. In the event that the effect of this policy is to reduce the number of gaming machines over time to 273 machines in the district, the Rotorua Lakes Council will then at that point in time initiate a reassessment of the policy.