

Submission Form: Alcohol in Public Places

This submission form allows you to give feedback on the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw: Ture ā-Rohe Whakahaere Waipiro.

Please read the Statement of Proposal before completing this form. The estimated time to complete is between 5-10 minutes.

What do I do with this submission form?

Once completed, you can either:



Scan a printed version or save an electronic version of this submission form, and email to: submissions@mstn.govt.nz



Post it to Masterton District Council, PO Box 444, Masterton 5840, or



Drop a printed copy to the Masterton District Library or our Customer Service Centre, 161 Queen Street Masterton.

You can also complete this submission form in the following ways:



Complete our online submission form at: whatsup.mstn.govt.nz



Phone the Policy Team on 06 370 6300 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and tell us what you think.

Please provide your feedback by Wednesday 25 March 2026. For more information, please refer to the Statement of Proposal, Proposed Bylaw and supporting information available on our website: whatsup.mstn.govt.nz

Submissions close Wednesday 25 March

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The Privacy Act 2020 applies when we collect personal details. Further information is available by searching “privacy policy” on our website: www.mstn.govt.nz

Submission Policy

Information on our submissions process and minimum requirements for submissions content can be found by searching “policies” on our website: www.mstn.govt.nz

Your details

First name (required)

Surname (required)

Postal address

Phone

Email

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, organisation name

Hearings

A hearing will be held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 for those wanting to present their views. You will have 5-10 minutes to present your feedback to elected members.

Would you like to present your views at the hearing?

☐ Yes (in person)

☐ Yes (via Microsoft Teams)

☐ No

If yes, please make sure your contact details in the previous section are correct so we can get in touch.

About you (optional)

These questions help us understand which sectors of the community are providing feedback so we can improve our engagement approach.

Your responses in this section will not be made public with your submission and will be kept confidential. Only aggregated data will be reported to the Council.

What is your age range?

☐ Under 20 ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70+

Which ethnic group do you belong to? Select all that apply to you.

☐ NZ European ☐ Māori ☐ Pacific Peoples ☐ Asian

☐ Other: please state:

What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Another gender ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you live with impairments/long-term health conditions or do you identify as tāngata whaikaha/disabled?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to answer

Your thoughts

These questions ask what you think about the key proposed changes to the Proposed Masterton Alcohol Control Bylaw (the Proposed Bylaw) outlined in the Statement Proposal to enhance public safety in our public places.

Please tick your preferred option for each proposed change.

The submission form also asks you questions about further issues with alcohol in public places in our District. This will be used to inform if further public places need to be investigated in future.

Which is your preferred option for the Alcohol Control Bylaw?

- ☐ **Option 1: Make proposed changes to the Bylaw** – updates the Bylaw to include public spaces experiencing alcohol-related harm and support the Police's effectiveness in managing alcohol-related crime and disorder. This is the Council's preferred option.
- ☐ **Option 2: Make no amendments to the Bylaw** – continues with existing controls of alcohol in public places which are well known by the community. It does not address ongoing alcohol-related harm in some of our public places. It also misses opportunities for improvement.
- ☐ **Option 3: Let the Bylaw lapse and rely on existing legislation** – there are no other regulations that are designed to prohibit alcohol consumption or possession in public spaces (only sale and supply). Would remove enforcement responsibilities from Police.

Is there anything you would like to tell us in support of your preferred option?

Alcohol-Free Zone proposals

This next section asks you about the five alcohol-free zone proposals. Please tick your preferred option for each proposal.

Continue with the existing Alcohol-Free Zones

The current Alcohol-Free Zones are in place in the Business District (all-times), Queen Elizabeth Park (9pm to 7am), and Skatepark (all-times).

☐ I support this proposal

☐ I oppose this proposal

☐ I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Declare an Alcohol-Free Zone for Labour Weekend at Riversdale Beach

The proposed Alcohol-Free Zone would be in operation 7pm to 7am the following day on each of the following days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labour Weekend each year.

☐ I support this proposal

☐ I oppose this proposal

☐ I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Declare an Alcohol-Free Zone for New Year's Eve at Riversdale Beach

The proposed Alcohol-Free Zone would be in operation from 6pm 31 December to 6am 1 January each year.

☐ I support this proposal

☐ I oppose this proposal

☐ I do not have a view on this or am unsure about this proposal

Declare an Alcohol-Free Zone for Labour Weekend at Castlepoint

The proposed Alcohol-Free Zone would be in operation 7pm to 7am the following day on each of the following days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labour Weekend each year.

☐ I support this proposal

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Is there anything additional you would like to tell us about the proposals above?

Are there any additional areas where you think we might want to consider an alcohol ban in future? Where and why?

Examples of alcohol related crime and disorder are required in making a case (see section 147A of the Local Government Act 2002). Please keep observations or experiences general and do not identify any individuals.

We will combine your input with Police and Council data to inform future advice to Council on whether new Alcohol-Free Zones should be considered after this Bylaw is adopted.

Are there areas where alcohol is banned in the current Bylaw that you think should be removed? Where and why?

We will combine your input with Police and Council data to inform future advice to Council on whether amendments or removal of Alcohol-Free Zones should be considered after this Bylaw is adopted.

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