

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES: LOCAL APPROVED PRODUCTS POLICY

1 INTRODUCTION

The Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 (the Act) was enacted on 18 July 2013. Under sections 66 – 69 of the Act territorial authorities are authorised to develop a local approved products policy (Policy) which may impose restrictions on the location of premises within Hastings District from which a licensed person may sell approved products..

In this Policy:

- the terms “approved product” and “sell” have the same meaning as in the Act;
- “Central Commercial Zone” means that part of Hastings City shaded pink on the plan attached as Appendix One;
- “Community Facility” means any land or buildings owned or administered by the Council and open to and provided for the benefit of the public and includes, without limitation, the facilities known as William Nelson Park, Landmarks Square and Civic Square;
- “Council” means Hastings District Council and its successors;
- “Educational Facility” means land and/or buildings used to provide regular instruction or training in accordance with a systematic curriculum by suitably qualified instructors, and includes schools, technical institutes, teachers colleges and universities, kura kaupapa (primary school), and kura maori (secondary school) and their ancillary administrative, cultural, health, retail and communal facilities;
- “Licensed early childhood centre” has the same meaning as in section 308 of the Education Act 1989;
- “Place of Worship” means land and/or buildings used for the public and/or private assembly of people for worship and may include a church, church hall, church yard, and marae.

2 LAPP OUTCOMES

This Psychoactive Substances: Local Approved Products Policy will guide the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority in which locations it is appropriate to grant retail licences for approved products within Hastings District. The aim of the policy is:

- ***Contributing to a safe and healthy community where the negative effects of psychoactive substances are minimised.***
- ***As far as practicable reflecting community views on the location of sales point for approved products within Hastings District.***

3 OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The objectives of the Policy are:

- To work within the purpose and intent of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013.
- To minimise the potential for adverse effects from the sale and use of psychoactive products; outside of Hastings City’s Central Business District.

- To minimise the potential for harm to sensitive communities (such as place of worship, family focused and child and youth focused areas) from the sale of approved psychoactive products.
- To best reflect community views on the location of premises from which approved psychoactive products may be sold within Hastings District.
- To provide a guide for the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority for decisions on licence applications within Hastings District.

4 LOCATION OF PREMISES FROM WHICH APPROVED PRODUCTS MAY BE SOLD

Premises within Hastings District from which approved products may be sold:

- a) may only be located within the Central Commercial Zone;
- b) must not be located:
 - (i) within 100 metres of the principal entrance of any of the following facilities:
 - Educational facility;
 - Library;
 - Place of worship; and
 - Licensed early childhood centre; or
 - (ii) within 100 metres of the perimeter of a Community Facility;
- c) the principal entrance of a premise must not be located within 300 metres of the principal entrance of any other premise from which approved products are sold.

Hastings District Local Approved Products Policy	
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Appendix 1:



Hastings Central Commercial Zone

