

# Submission Form: Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	The Tuck Shop Ltd supports the Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy because it is relevant to the diversity of today's social fabric in Horowhenua. The policy provides flexibility for businesses including employees and it takes into account commercial needs. Our cafe on Oxford is three months old. Weekend trade is a critical contributor to its growth and sustainability at this time.
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	Yes
My Submission(s)	

Question	Response
My Submission	<p>I support the proposal for council to allow retail trading on Easter Sunday.</p> <p>I believe this is a matter of choice for individual store owners who should be given the opportunity to trade if they so wish. The retail community is wide and varied and while many, will chose not to trade on this day it should be their decision whether they trade, not anyone else's.</p> <p>The challenges that bricks and mortar retailers face today are major. This includes internet shopping which is available 24 hours a day so we need to support those that wish to trade on this day, not continue to put barriers in the way of individual stores that wish to open.</p> <p>There is a very haphazard approach at the moment across the country where some towns and certain types of shops are already allowed to trade on Easter Sunday. By allowing all shops to trade on this day there is at least some consistency across the District.</p>
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	<p>I would like the option of whether to open Easter Sunday or not. We have a lot of people from out of town in Foxton over Easter and giving them the opportunity to get what they want from our town as opposed to driving somewhere else is vital to Foxtons success.</p> <p>Small towns around the country struggle week in week out to attract people to spend time and money in their communities and Easter is a big opportunity for the township of Foxton.</p> <p>As I have said it is just the ability to open, if my team do not want to work I would understand that and wouldn't open.</p>
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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
<b>My Submission(s)</b>	
My Submission	<p>Most shops in Levin shut their doors 12.30pm Saturday and don't reopen again until Monday. It makes little sense proposing to allow shops to open on Easter Sunday when the majority aren't interested opening on a 'normal' Sunday.</p> <p>As a retailer who is only closed 3 1/2 days a year, I appreciate giving my staff the opportunity of a day off to spend with their friends and families. Especially after such a busy lead up / trading period. Long weekends are few and far between for those who work in retail.</p> <p>We won't receive any deliveries on Easter Sunday - so our offering in store will be minimal at best after trading hard on Easter Saturday.</p>
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**Tamara Catchpole**

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**From:** Customer Services - Public  
**Sent:** Monday, 11 September 2017 3:52 p.m.  
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**Subject:** FW: Easter Sunday Feedback

For your action

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**From:** Lynette Collis [<mailto:cherrypie1@xtra.co.nz>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 11 September 2017 3:34 p.m.  
**To:** Customer Services - Public  
**Subject:** Easter Sunday Feedback

Dear Council

RE Easter Sunday Opening Feedback

I will never open on Easter Sunday as there are very few long weekends where we as staff and owners can have a break with our families.

I believe that all the work our Labour Advocates from years ago is slowly being eroded and that it increases stress reduces productivity and family time.

For most retailers public holidays in Levin are a waste of time unless it is raining (common lately) locals generally don't shop and only visitors and Batch holders so lets KEEP IT A FAMILY DAY>

I think this applies specifically to supermarkets and chain type stores where they have to work or loose their job.

Kind Regards,

***Lynette Collis***

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# GROUP 1 - Submission 6

19 September 2017

Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy  
Horowhenua District Council  
Private Bag 4002  
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Dear Chief Executive Clapperton, Mayor Feyen and Councillors,

## Easter Shop Trading Submission

Retail NZ is a not for profit organisation representing the interests of the retail sector. We have around 4,200 members nationally, who collectively account for two-thirds of total retail turn over in New Zealand. Our members operate all around the country, and have a strong presence in the Horowhenua District. We are writing to make some additional comments in a formal submission on the Council's efforts to develop a Local Shop Trading Hours Policy in Horowhenua.

### We strongly support the introduction of a policy

While not all retailers wish to open for trade on Easter Sunday, there are many that do. Therefore, we strongly recommend that Horowhenua District Council adopt a policy that permits any retailer to open on Easter Sunday, if it chooses to do so.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the current law, which tries to ban shopping on Easter Sunday (but not other forms of commercial activity) is outdated and full on anomalies. The law allows for certain businesses or locations to be open, while not permitting others. For example, a garden centre may open, yet a hardware store that includes a garden centre is not permitted to open. Cafés that sell goods and small grocery stores may open, but not supermarkets. This created a significant confusion for customers, employers and staff, and gives some retailers an advantage over others.

Should the Council adopt a policy, it is likely not all retailers will choose to open their doors on Easter Sunday. However, we believe that the decision is best made by shop owners and managers of the businesses in concern, in consensus with their employees, and not a decision to be made by the Council.

### The rights of small business are protected

If the Council adopts a policy, the rights of small businesses to remain closed are firmly protected. Under the legislation, no business can be forced to open. Businesses will not open if there is no customer demand for them to do so.

### The rights of employees are also protected

As Easter Sunday is not a public holiday there is no legal requirement for employees to be paid if their shop is closed. While it does depend on the details of employment contracts, in many cases, employees are required to take a day's annual leave to cover the day the store is closed. This will suit some employees, but not all.

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Under the new legislation, shop employees have a guaranteed right that they cannot be forced to work on Easter Sunday. This means that their rights to a day off, on the same basis as now, are guaranteed.

## **Adopting a policy will support businesses and make Horowhenua a more attractive tourist destination**

Easter is a significant period for Kiwi tourists to explore the country, as well as international tourists. Many people travel through, to and within the Horowhenua District at Easter, and it would benefit the retail businesses throughout the District if they had the choice as to whether they open or not to serve that tourist market.

We operate in a globalised 24/7 shopping market, which means Kiwis can and do shop online over Easter, and there is consumer demand for retail activity over Easter Sunday. A recent ACNielsen survey shows that 51 per cent of all New Zealanders participated in some form of shopping on Easter Sunday this year, despite restrictions in many council districts

We would also like to note that nearly half of all councils around New Zealand have now adopted policies that permit retail businesses to open on Easter Sunday.

## **Conclusion**

We hope these comments are of assistance and look forward to hearing the outcome of this process in due course. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me should you require further information in relation to our submission.

Yours sincerely,



Greg Harford  
GM Public Affairs

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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	No I do not wish to work Easter Sunday. As a permanent Sunday worker it is nice having Easter Sunday off even if I'm using my own annual leave.
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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	No, shops don't need to be open on Sunday any week. Easter Sunday has always been a time for family, lets keep it that way.
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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
<b>My Submission(s)</b>	
My Submission	Do not allow Sunday trading on Easter, retail workers have few holidays as it is
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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
<b>My Submission(s)</b>	
My Submission	Its a pointless waste of time to work easter sunday in my line of work. Its so ingrained in our culture that it should be left alone and I'm talking more the holiday than the religious aspect of Easter. The cost to business' would be huge and availability of staff would be limited and its not fair to pressure them to work the day. I also think that all business' should be closed not just supermarkets and the ones that do "have" to work should be heavily rewarded (ie triple time plus a day in lieu) at local councils cost as its in their power to make these decisions. Also if the council is going to make it that business' operate on Easter Sunday then as a show of support they should also work the day too.

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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	Easter should stay as it is, retail workers get 3 1/2 days that have to be closed a year most businesses are open 7 days a week. If customers can't organise themselves then that's there problem. Keep the sunday for everyone to enjoy with family.
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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	In the retail industry we don't get many days off, so it is great when the shop has to close and the staff get to have that time off. People need to be organised with their shopping and they won't care if we are closed.
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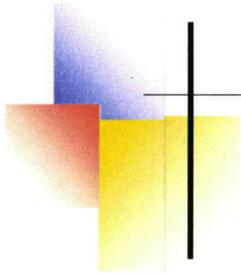
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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
<b>My Submission(s)</b>	
My Submission	Do not open stores on Sunday Easter!
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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy  
Horowhenua District Council  
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**This submission is made on behalf of Levin Uniting Parish. New Zealand is increasingly universal and cosmopolitan and this is evidenced throughout the Horowhenua District.**

Council is proposing to introduce an Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy to apply throughout the Horowhenua District. If adopted the policy will allow all shops in the district to open and trade on Easter Sunday if they wish to do so. It's important to balance Easter Sunday activities so personal and family time is accorded higher status than the proposed policy would enable.

This submission asserts Easter Sunday is an important high point of the Christian year. The church does not wish to impose its religion on people, but the Horowhenua has a significant Christian population and heritage. The views of Christendom are worth consideration.

The social benefits of no variation in Easter Sunday trading strongly outweigh those of commercial interests. We hold the rights of workers are of importance and insidious commercialisation of time, is taking away personal space for reflection, rest, refreshment and religion. The right to non-commercialised free time is precious and time off should be protected. Fatigued and burnt out employee's need their employer's understanding and care. Care of people matters more than economic gain. We acknowledge and applaud "all shop employees have the ability to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without providing a reason to their employer. There are "right to refuse" provisions in the Act which means that all employees will have the ability to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without any repercussions for their employment relationship"....

Central government has put local councils in a tricky position by handing them the Easter Sunday trading decision. The power to decide whether shops open on Easter Sunday has had a varied reaction from business and after heated debate in the house, Parliament passed the controversial Easter trading legislation 62 to 59.

A workers representative, First Union general secretary Robert Reid has condemned the move, arguing the Government should be protecting the days that Kiwis have off. He said "We should be protecting the days we set aside for family and community, not handing local authorities the power to make Easter Sunday a working day for people in retail," He called the Government's promise to give working people the right to refuse work on Easter Sunday a "hollow promise".

As a Parish we are opposed to any reduction of an employee's loss of personal and family time. It's a cultural thing. Sadly a lot of people don't understand what Easter is about and generally just take it as another public holiday and enjoy it for what it is.

For many new migrants, who don't come from a Christian religious background, it doesn't mean a great deal....

If the Horowhenua is to have an 'Open For Trade' policy many reluctant businesses would feel pressured to open to keep up with the competition.

It is worth noting in larger areas companies such as Farmers and Whitcoulls – have decided not to trade on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or Christmas according to Farmers national property manager Richard Exon.

Respect for religious observances and celebrations is universal. **In Islam** the implications of the fasting month of Ramadan and how it affects businesses should not be disregarded. Ramadan, is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, and is the Muslims most holy month. Except when people are frail or impaired, during Ramadan Muslims cannot eat, drink, smoke or even chew gum during daylight hours. Every other able-bodied Muslim is expected to sacrifice as a sign of faith.

In most countries, some restaurants will remain open throughout the day, with a sign saying that food is served to non-Muslim people only.

**Hindu religious festivals** give people an opportunity to refresh their mood and temperament. We are concerned to ensure preservation of every religious non trading holiday in the colander. With the progress of time we have lost the notion of coming together for worship and participation in religious activities. Doing so brings into being a sense of refreshed wellbeing. Hindus celebrate a number of other important festivals, including Diwali, in which all classes of society participate are affected. It takes place in October or November and features worship and ceremonial lights in honour of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune; fireworks to commemorate the victory of Krishna over Narakasura, the demon of hell; and gambling, an old ritual custom intended to secure luck for the coming year. The nine-day Durga festival, or Navratri, celebrated in September or October, is, especially in Bengal, a splendid homage to the goddess; in North India it is a celebration of Rama's victory over Ravana.

**We encourage respect and tolerance** of religious views. Buddhism in Southeast Asia includes a variety of traditions including two main traditions: Mahāyāna Buddhism and Theravāda Buddhism. In modern times most countries follow the Theravāda tradition. According to Buddhist teachings, the ethical and moral principles are governed by examining **whether a certain action, whether connected to body or speech is likely to be harmful to one's self or to others and thereby avoiding any actions which are likely to be harmful**. In Buddhism, there is much talk of a skilled mind which avoids actions which are likely to cause suffering or remorse.

**Levin Uniting Parish** believes our district should not permit Shops to open on Easter Sunday or/and similar Religious days. Maintaining the status quo would in fact be an avoidance of actions which cause suffering or remorse, something which is important to both Buddhist's and Christians alike.

We ask Council not to proceed with its proposed Easter Sunday Trading Policy permitting Easter Sunday trading throughout the Horowhenua District

The Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 (the Act) provides for restricted trading days on Anzac Day morning, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. The present law allows shops selling certain types of goods (for example, dairies, service stations, pharmacies, takeaway bars, restaurants, cafes, souvenir stores and garden centres) to remain open on the restricted trading days and this trade does not need further liberalisation.

Because a law allows territorial authorities to create local policies to allow shop trading across their entire district or in limited areas on Easter Sunday, does not mean we should react in the affirmative.

We all recognise the importance of the retail trade to our District, and specifically the trade associated with passing traffic on state highways but this should not be used as justification to change the law. It is common knowledge that there are intended deviations of passing traffic in places such as Levin.

We are happy to meet with Council to present this submission.



Rev Ian Boddy  
**Minister**



Allen Little QSM,JP  
**Parish Clerk**

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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
<b>My Submission(s)</b>	

Question	Response
My Submission	<p>The Priest in Charge, Vestry and Parishioners of the Shannon Foxtan Anglican Parish strongly oppose the approval of the Easter Sunday Shop trading policy. This is a very special and important time in the Christian calendar and is time spent together as a church family and well as our own families and a chance for reflection. As several of our parishioners are and have been in the retail sector the impact this policy will have on family life is major. There will an expectation from the employers that their employees will work. This will mean even less family time which is becoming more and more common today beside the fact the Easter Sunday is a very special event.</p> <p>Should the policy be approved it is possible that our people would not support those businesses that chose to open on Easter Sunday year round in favour of those that remained closed. This could have a significant impact.</p>
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# GROUP 3 - Submission 16

## REFORMED CHURCH OF FOXTON

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Minister: Vacant  
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THY WORD IS A LIGHT ON OUR PATH

AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS

Horowhenua District Council,  
126 Oxford street,  
Levin.

12 October 2017

*Attention Ms Megan Leyland*

Dear Megan,

Thank you for your invitation to have a say on the proposed policy allowing trading on Easter Sunday in the Horowhenua district, as per your e/mail dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

We wish to register our **opposition** to the Council's draft policy on Easter Sunday trading, for the following reasons:

- The Bible tells us in the Ten Commandments to work for six days with the seventh day being a day of rest and worship.
- Traditionally the Easter season gives families an opportunity to have a break away from their daily routine by having a short holiday break.
- We are of the opinion that in this modern day and age our value systems, which have prevailed in the Western world and which are based on biblical principles are being steadily eroded.
- The pressure being exerted on law makers, be it local Councils or the Government is driven by commerce and the overriding desire to earn money, which is an unhealthy development.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the session and congregation,  
Reformed Church of Foxton,

John Biersteker, session clerk



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	<p>Easter Sunday for many (including Christians) no longer holds the sanctity it was once held in. Whilst I recognise that shop staff should always have the option of not having to work on that day as it breaks into a long weekend break, with New Zealand having become a very mixed society where Christian ethics and beliefs are held by an increasingly lesser proportion of the community, having Easter Sunday sacrosanct only creates angst against the church. To me, it is up to individuals as to how they wish to hold Easter Sunday, and each one is free to observe the day as they wish.</p> <p>I suspect the greater part of our society just enjoys the weekend as a holiday without any thought as to the original reason for the break.</p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
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## Communication

Preferred method of communication:  email  post

## Presentation

Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing:  Yes  No

## My submission(s)

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Levin 5540

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<sup>our</sup>  
My submission(s):

is that we agree with the new policy as written. Businesses should be allowed to trade as they wish, and for staff to choose whether or not they work that day.



# GROUP 4 - Submission 19

## Submission form to Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

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### Your details

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr (circle) Name: Sharon Freebairn  
Name of Organisation (if applicable) Waiatarere Beach Progressive + Ratepayers Assn  
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### Communication

Preferred method of communication:  email  post

### Presentation

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### My submission(s)

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### My submission(s):

On behalf of the Waiatarere Beach Progressive + Ratepayers Association and after consultation with the retailers in our community, we are in favour of the proposal to allow trading for all businesses on Easter Sunday.

As a holiday destination this is one of the busiest weekends of the year and as such we support all retailers being able to trade.

As we recognise that all Shop employees have the ability to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without providing a reason to their employer and under provisions in the Shop Trading Hours Act free of any repercussions for their employment relationship.

As a district we agree that the importance of the retail trade to our District and the passing traffic on State Highways makes it important to attract people to stop in the Horowhenua and visit our businesses and attractions as a destination.

It is important to remember that opening on Easter Sunday is first and foremost a decision by business owners/retailers as to their beliefs and commitment to their employees.

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Submission date: 08/09/2017 04:58 AM

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Question	Response
Notes for Submitters	
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Preferred method of communication:	Email
Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	

Question	Response
My Submission	<p>I'm not religious so don't care specifically that it's Easter, however it seems that demands for shops to be always open is making a religious idol of money and commerce. I think as a society we should be able to enjoy a few commerce-free days in a year (preferably consecutive) and there is benefit to this being a nation-wide 'down time'. I'd be very happy for this period to be on some other dates, but I believe the current trading restrictions on Christmas and Easter are valuable to our society and should be maintained. There is no need for commerce to be 24/7.</p> <p>And just because workers are legally able to refuse to work on that day doesn't mean they're free from subtle pressure to work.</p> <p>Just as an individual human needs time to rest, sleep, relax and refresh, so too does our society need such time.</p>
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Submission No:	

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Submission date: 04/10/2017 01:35 PM

Receipt number: 7

Question	Response
Notes for Submitters	
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Full Name:	John Murphy
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Mobile:	0212055268
Email:	johndmurphy.123@gmail.com
Preferred method of communication:	Post
Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	<p>The council should chose to NOT TO ALLOW ANY BUSINESS to trade on Easter Sunday. We only get 3 full days and ANZAC day (1pm) as public holidays where no business can trade. The theory that no employees will be punished under the law if they say no to working on Easter Sunday if the area has allowed it is only theory. I strongly believe that its not far away before this theory like many others end up proving the opposite.</p> <p>We need to continue to respect this day as a string Christian nation and area as a day off to remember Jesus rose again.</p> <p>I encourage the council to make the right call and keep the status quo of no trading on Easter Sunday.</p>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
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Date Received:	
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Submission No:	

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Submission date: 26/09/2017 10:21 AM

Receipt number: 4

Question	Response
Notes for Submitters	
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Full Name:	Rose Boyle
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Mobile:	
Email:	roseboylenz78@gmail.com
Preferred method of communication:	Email
Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	I support businesses making their own decisions about whether to open for Easter trading. Each business knows what best suits its own operation and staff. HDC is doing the right thing by providing a mechanism that enables individuals to determine their own hours/days of trading.
Submission Attachments	
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Submission No:	

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Submission date: 26/09/2017 01:29 PM

Receipt number: 5

Question	Response
Notes for Submitters	
Contact Details	
Title:	Mr
Full Name:	Peter Macdonald
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Email:	sabzmobile@gmail.com
Preferred method of communication:	Email
Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	I believe shop owners should have power to decide what hours they trade over Easter. It is their business decision to make. The after robust labour laws in place to protect employees. Sensible business people will work out what makes sense to their business. Christian festivals, such as Easter, should not have more "sway" in our secular country.
Submission Attachments	
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<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
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# GROUP 5 - Submission 24

Council  
30 August 2017

Horowhenua  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### Your details

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr (circle) Name: MARGARET WILLIAMS

Name of Organisation (if applicable) .....

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LEVIN Post Code 5510

Phone: 06 368 0787 AH — Mobile —

Email: .....

### Communication

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My submission(s):

How about advising individual premises to decide for themselves?

I suppose that's too simple — "what ifs" will doubtless abound.

To me it's operator & consumer choice — if I do or don't open that's my business & if I do or don't want to shop, that's mine---

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Submission date: 04/10/2017 03:03 PM

Receipt number: 10

Question	Response
Notes for Submitters	
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Mobile:	
Email:	walter.crichton@hotmail.co.nz
Preferred method of communication:	Email
Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your comments to Council in person at a hearing?:	No
My Submission(s)	
My Submission	
Submission Attachments	
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Submission No:	