

# **TAB Venue Policy**



# 1. Introduction

Section 96 of the Racing Industry Act 2020 requires that the Horowhenua District Council adopt a TAB Venue Policy for the District in accordance with the special consultative procedure in s83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The TAB Venue Policy must specify whether or not new TAB venues may be established in the District and, if so, where they may be located. In the development of its policy, Council must have regard to the social impact of gambling on the Horowhenua District communities.

In the Racing Industry Act, a **TAB venue** means “premises owned or leased by TAB NZ and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing betting, sports betting, or other racing or sports betting services under this Act.”

It therefore does not apply to any other TAB outlet or self-service betting machine.

## 2. Objectives of the Policy

This policy has been prepared to take account of the purpose of the Racing Industry Act 2020. All current opportunities for sports or race betting within the District have been considered when setting this policy and include current Pub/social outlets and opportunities for telephone and internet gambling.

The objective of the Horowhenua District Council's TAB Venue Policy is to provide for the continued opportunity to facilitate race and sports betting within the District, taking into account:

## 3. TAB Venue Conditions

A maximum of one (1) TAB Board Venue may be established in the Horowhenua District.

## 4. Adoption, Commencement and Review

This policy was adopted at the duly notified Council meeting held on 13 April 2022, and after completion of the special consultative procedure, and takes effect from 14 April 2022.

This policy will be reviewed within three (3) years of being adopted by Council.