IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Tongariro Hospitality Limited for the renewal of an ON licence pursuant to Section 127 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in respect of the premises situated at 14 Katopu Street, Turangi and known as "**The Delta**"

BEFORE THE TAUPO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE:

Commissioner: Murray Clearwater

The Application:

This is an application by Tongariro Hospitality Limited for the renewal of an **On Licence** in respect of the licensed premises known as **The Delta**, situated at **14 Katopu Street**, **Turangi**. It was formally received by the Taupō District Licensing Committee on 2nd April 2019.

The applicant is the holder of an **On Licence** 20/ON/0283/2017 that was first issued by the Taupō District Licensing Committee on 5 April 2018.

The application was duly advertised on the Taupo District Council website from 3 April 2019 for a period of 10 days and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received. Display of the public notice has been carried out in the terms of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 by the licensee and no objections were lodged by any members of the public.

The Inspector has provided a comprehensive report that outlines the operation of this licence over its first 12 months.

On concern he notes a Police report of 6 January2019 in which they advise of having to deal with 'mass disorder' in the carpark after an event held at The Delta.

The Police seek an assurance of better lighting and management of the environs during such events.

The Reasons for the Decision:

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health have raised any matters in opposition. However, the Police ask for a condition on the licence relating to lighting and better management of patrons outside the premises.

Fortunately, it appears the Police concerns have been taken on board and there has been no further reported disorder incidents.

We decline to place specific conditions relating to these issues on the licence, but we do say this to Mr Pikia and his team. The behaviour of patrons attending the premises and those that are attracted to the immediate environment are clearly within their sphere of responsibility.

There should be adequate lighting at the front of premises to keep the area safe and for proper ID and intoxication checks to be undertaken. We understand that Council Officers have been spoken to and have declared that there is adequate public lighting in the carpark.

The Licensee is to ensure that there is adequate staff rostered on for all events at the venue to perform these duties and to ensure that pre-, and side-loading, of alcohol does not occur in cars by patrons of the establishment.

Any incidents or situations that occur are to be dealt with promptly and responsibly.

We are sure the premises will be closely monitored during this next renewal period and we do not expect to hear of repeated incidents of similar offending.

The Decision:

Subject to the above, we are satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in the Act and approve the renewal of the licence for three years on the same conditions as previously granted by the Taupō District Licensing Committee.

I direct that a notice of renewal and a replacement licence be issued.

Dated at Taupo this 20th day of May 2019

Murray Clearwater

Commissioner for Taupō District Licensing Committee