

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by New Zealand LJ Food Express Taupo 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 8 Northcroft Street, Taupo and known as “**No.1 China Restaurant**”

BEFORE THE TAUPO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE:

Commissioner: Murray Clearwater

The Application:

This is an application by New Zealand LJ Food Express Taupo Limited for the renewal of an **On Licence** in respect of the licensed premises known as **No.1 China Restaurant**, situated at **8 Northcroft Street, Taupo**. It was formally received by the Taupō District Licensing Committee on 29th March 2019.

The applicant is the holder of an **On Licence** 20/ON/0287/2018 that was first issued by the Taupō District Licensing Committee on 20 March 2018.

The application was duly advertised on the Taupo District Council website from 29 March 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 Reasons for the Decision:

The applicant is a proven operator and has not come to notice in an adverse manner for any of the reporting agencies. The hours are reasonable, and the host responsibility practices appear sound.

However, we were concerned to see that high alcohol content Chinese spirits were being offered for sale by the bottle. We thank the MOoH for bringing this to our attention and the licensee has responsibility removed these items from the drink menu.

We remind the licensee that this business is licensed as a low risk restaurant and sales of high alcohol spirits by the bottle is inappropriate in this environment.

The Decision:

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 3 years on the same conditions as previously granted by the Taupo District Licensing Committee.

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

Dated at Taupo this 1st day of August 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Clearwater', is written over a horizontal line.

Murray Clearwater

Commissioner

Taupō District Licensing Committee