



Specialist Area: Gambling Impact Assessments

When central government allowed the introduction of electronic gambling machines to New Zealand, it was done under a charitable model whereby trusts primarily own and operate machines for philanthropic purposes.

The Gambling Act 2003 subsequently established a requirement for all territorial authorities to have a policy on whether or not additional bars and clubs should be allowed to install electronic gambling machines. The policy may also specify a maximum number of gambling machines per venue (up to the legal limit) and must specify whether or not new TABs may be established.

Councils' gambling venue policies must be reviewed every three years. In undertaking this review they must have regard to the social impact of gambling and various other matters.

APR Consultants has considerable expertise and experience in:

- Compiling and updating gambling impact assessments at the city and district level.
- Undertaking stakeholder consultation and community surveys as part of gambling policy reviews.
- Providing policy advice in the context of the Gambling Act 2003 and Local Government Act 2002.

A selection of previous clients and projects includes:

- Auckland City Council – Gambling impact assessment, policy recommendations and initial stakeholder consultation.
- Rodney District Council – Gambling impact assessment and recommendations.
- Whangarei District Council – Gambling impact assessment and recommendations.

APR personnel also have prior experience working on gambling venue policies for a variety of other councils.

APR Consultants would be pleased to discuss your council's requirements.

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