

20 June 2019

**To:**

The elected members of the Waitakere Licensing Trust

**cc:**

Simon Wickham – CEO of The Trusts

**RE: Competition poll**

Dear elected members,

Firstly, thank you for considering and responding to my letter of April 29.

You will be aware that we did not submit a petition last week and have therefore missed the deadline for this year's local body elections.

Although we have now collected approximately 17,300 signatures from residents of the Waitakere Licensing Trust district (which is 17% of electors), we were not confident that the petition would contain enough **valid signatures** due to signatories who are either not enrolled to vote or whose details are not up to date on the electoral roll.

We are absolutely confident there is sufficient support to trigger a competition poll in the Waitakere Licensing Trust district and we remain committed to making this happen. In the six weeks to June 14 we collected over 10,000 signatures. We intend to continue campaigning and collecting signatures until we get the opportunity to vote.

I believe there remains one final opportunity for you to resolve to hold a competition poll at this year's elections. This resolution would avoid the additional cost of holding a stand-alone referendum, which we understand to be a six-figure amount. Distributing these savings could have a substantial positive impact on our community.

Once again, we ask that you consider making this resolution in the interests of our community.

Best regards,

Nick Smale, on behalf of the West Auckland Licensing Trusts Action Group

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