

## John Riddell

### Waitākere Licensing Trust Ward 2 (Lincoln)

Q1 - I support a competition poll, giving West Aucklanders the chance to choose between continued monopoly or allowing competition. If elected to the Portage/Waitakere Licensing Trust, I would vote to trigger a poll (without the need for a petition).

**Disagree**

**You only need to look at other areas that used to have licencing Trusts, and competition meant that the Trusts disappeared and the Supermarkets control the liquor market in those areas**

Q2 - Should there be a competition poll, The Trusts role should be as an impartial provider of information. The Trusts should not promote / campaign for either option.

**The Trusts need to be able to provide information and advise what is likely to happen to them. Other industries provide opinions on what is likely to happen in their industries should legislation change that may affect them, why can't the Trusts?**

Q3 - The Trusts' monopoly reduces alcohol related harm in West Auckland

**Agree**

Q4 - If the monopoly was removed, West Auckland would be inundated with liquor outlets

**Agree**

Q5 - The monopoly stifles hospitality in West Auckland, and is part of the reason West Auckland has fewer options for dining, drinking and entertainment than in other parts of Auckland

**Disagree**

**Auckland does not have a large population, to sustain different hospitality options, and throughout Auckland dining places come and go on the reputation of the chef!**

Q6 - Without the monopoly, community funding from The Trusts would disappear / be substantially diminished

**See previous answers**

Q7 - I support The Trusts operating gaming machines in their venues

**On a personal level I am not a gambler, and have a relative with a gambling addiction, however rather people gamble on the pokies in NZ and play Lotto that see charities benefit than gambling is overseas based as is happening, and the profits go overseas**

Q8 - 100% of The Trusts profits go straight back into The West

**As with any business, a company needs an operational funding to grow and increase its profits and survive into the future. Surpluses yes, should and I would hope do go back into the community and would like to see more scrutiney around this**

Q9 - The Trusts are committed to being as open and transparent with the community as possible

**Strongly agree**

Any comments you would like to add

**My affiliation is Transparency!**