

## **Rob Hulse**

### **Portage Licensing Trust Ward 2 (New Lynn)**

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).

#### **Neutral**

**My interest in the Trusts is administrative and as such I am open minded about the campaign. Regardless, everyone I believe wants to see a well run organisation. I have a long career in management and hospitality and these are skills I want to bring to the Trusts.**

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.

**Bias allegations will be inevitable and impartiality will be impossible to dispute.**

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

#### **Disagree**

**Public antisocial behaviour will always be linked to the Auckland CBD while domestic harm is driven by far more complex factors than liquor stores**

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

#### **Agree**

**Yes, I would expect that most supermarkets would become liquor outlets which would greatly increase the number of outlets in the West.**

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

#### **Neutral**

**This is nothing I have seen in my experience in hospitality for in the West. I have met creative and talented individuals capable of succeeding anywhere. I do however believe the Trusts can do more to drive hospitality in the West.**

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

#### **Neutral**

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

**Disagree**

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

**Neutral**

**This is something that needs to be monitored and measured and is an ongoing job.**

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

**Neutral**

**It would be too early to speak for others but transparency and accountability to the community are values that I subscribe to**

Any comments you would like to add

**As a life long Westie I care about our community and I look forward to working with the members of the WALTAG team if elected.**