High-Level Summary of Submissions on the draft Easter Sunday Trading Policy 2023

Background:

- On 8 June 2023, the Strategy and Operations Committee approved the draft Kapiti Coast District Council Easter Sunday Trading Policy 2017 for public consultation.
- The special consultative procedure ran from 26 June 2021 to 26 July 2023.
- A total of 134 submissions were received.
- The submissions have been collated and a high-level summary of submissions is provided below.

Two questions were asked of submitters:

- 1. "Do you support having a District-wide Policy allowing all shops to have the option to open on Easter Sunday in the Kapiti Coast District?", and
- 2. "Do you have any other comments related to the review of the Easter Sunday Trading Policy"?

For question 1 "Do you support having a District-wide Policy allowing all shops to have the option to open on Easter Sunday in the Kapiti Coast District" we received the following responses:

Number of submitters	Yes	No
134	100 (74.6%)	34 (25.4%)

Overall, for both question 1 and question 2, we received comments from 63.4% of respondents (85 of 134). These submissions have been broken down into key points via the themes below. Some submitters focused on one point, while others had multiple.

Key themes for the feedback received for questions 1 and 2 are provided in the below table:

The	Theme Area for Supporting the Policy Response			
1.	Policy		Number of submission points	
			10	
		Key theme: The current p	olicy is working well.	
2.	Business		Number of submission points	
			37	
		Key theme:		
		It should be u open or not.	p to the businesses to choo	se whether to

Theme Area for <u>Supporting</u> the Policy	Response		
3. Economic		Number of submission points	
		9	
	Key theme:		
	Support Kapi	ti as a tourism destination	
4. Employee		Number of submission points	
		15	
	Key theme:		
	It should be used or not.	ıp to employees to choose w	hether to work
5. Religion		Number of submission points	
		12	
	Key theme:		
		society/many non-practicing alander's.	or non-religious
6. Other		Number of submission points	
		12	
	Key theme:		
	Archaic restrictions/bureaucracy overreach		

Theme Area for Not Supporting the Policy	Response	
1. Day Off	Number of submission points	
	24	
	Key themes:A day to spend with familyA day for relaxation/well-being	
2. Religion	Number of submission points	
	7	
	Key theme: Religious observance/respect for religion	

Theme Area for Not Supporting the Policy	Response
3. Economic	Number of submission points
	11
	Key theme:
	Plenty of other shopping opportunities/no need for shops to be open
4. Power Imbalance	Number of submission points
	6
	Key theme:
	Pressure exerted on employees to work
5. Other	Number of submission points
	No key theme for this category however comments included:
	 There should be no trading on Sundays Time to appreciate differences