5. PROPOSED BYLAW PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES AND AT SPECIFIC TIMES IN THE CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an opportunity to make a submission on the proposed bylaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in certain public places and at specific times in the city of Christchurch. A copy of the Statement of the proposed bylaw is attached.

Submissions close on Friday, 7 May 2004.

Staff

Recommendation:

That the Board formulate a submission regarding the proposed bylaw to ban liquor in certain parts of the city at specific times.

Chairman's Comment:

- 1. It is essential to ensure that extending the banned area will not simply shift the "problem" to another part of Christchurch.
- The proposed area and times of the ban need to be simple and clear to everyone, including youth. Ways to educate and obtain "buy-in" by young people need to be considered and attempted, eg through high schools.
- 3. Also, people's rights to hold and attend private functions need to be spelt out.

For these reasons I support an extension of the ban on a trial basis, so it can be monitored and reviewed.