

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 ("the Act")

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **RAMSWAROOP MAHAJAN ANTHWAL**, pursuant to s.219 of the Act, for the grant of a Manager's Certificate

**BEFORE THE FAR NORTH DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Members: Mrs Ann Court (Chairperson)  
Mr Martin Macpherson (Member)  
Mr John Thorne (Member)

**HEARING** at Kaikohe on 1 September 2023

**APPEARANCES**

Mr Ramswaroop Mahajan Anthwal (applicant) (no appearance)  
Ms Megan Edwards – Licensing Inspector – in opposition  
Ms Te Orakiri Graham – Licensing Inspector – to assist  
Ms Christina Rosenthal – Licensing Inspector – to assist  
Ms Ngawaiata Harris – DLC Hearings Administrator  
Ms Chanelle Merwood – DLC Hearings Administrator

**DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE**

[1] This is an application by Ramswaroop Mahajan Anthwal for the grant of a Manager's Certificate.

[2] The application was lodged on the 12 April 2023.

[3] The application is opposed by the Licensing Inspector as she has been unable to gain a response from the applicant to arrange a further interview following two previous unsatisfactory ones that raised concerns over suitability. The Inspector is thus unable to report favourably on the application.

[4] The last communication response was by email on the 19 July 2023 which resulted in a broken appointment. Since then the ongoing failure to make contact with the Inspector despite many subsequent email requests and phone messages, including on the day of the hearing, casts doubt on the suitability of the applicant to hold a Manager's Certificate.

[5] Notification was given of the Hearing date.

[6] We are satisfied that all reasonable avenues have been exhausted to elicit a response from the applicant to enable his application to progress.

[7] From his non-appearance today, we can only assume he has lost interest in supporting his application and on that basis, we are unable to ascertain his suitability to be granted a manager's certificate.

[8] The application is refused.

**DATED** at Kaikohe this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023



**Katie Waiti-Dennis**  
Secretary  
For the Far North District Licensing Committee



\*Decision written by DLC Member John Thorne