

Far North District Licensing Committee
Practice Note 2
Confidentiality of Objectors
Pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

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At times objectors seek to have their details kept confidential. An objector is a party once they attend and give evidence to the hearing of the application and can appear and be heard, and call, examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Section 203 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) relates to the proceedings of the Committee. Section 203(5) permits the Committee to make an order prohibiting the publication of any report or description of any part of the proceedings. However, section 203(5) further provides that no such order may be made prohibiting the publication of the names and descriptions of the parties to the matter.

There is no ability for the Committee to suppress the names and descriptions of objectors (or any other parties).

If objectors seek to have their details kept confidential then the inspector needs to advise them that this is prohibited by the Act. They should be advised that either they will need to withdraw their objection, or their name, but not address of contact details, will be disclosed to the other parties to the matter.



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