

# Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy

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Last updated:

## Background

The Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 was amended in 2016 to enable councils to decide whether retailers in their districts can open on Easter Sunday. Council first adopted a policy to allow Shops to open on Easter Sunday in 2017.

## Application

This policy applies to all Shops in the Far North District.

This policy does not override other legislative instruments, such as liquor licensing laws.

The Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 includes protective provisions so no Shop employee will be required to work on Easter Sunday.

## Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Policy:

- **Council** – means the Far North District Council.
- **Far North District** – means the area of jurisdiction of the Far North District Council (see attached map).
- **Policy** – means the Council’s adopted Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy.
- **Shop** – has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.
- **Shop employee** – has the same meaning as in section 5F of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.

## Legislative Context

Easter Sunday shop trading is subject to various legislative controls including but not limited to the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 and Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

## Objective

To support economic and social wellbeing by permitting Shops to open on Easter Sunday throughout the Far North District.

## Policy

The Council permits Shops to open on Easter Sunday throughout the Far North District.

## Monitoring and Implementation

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Implementation of the policy will be monitored by the Council.

The policy must be reviewed no later than 5 years after it is adopted.

The policy may also be reviewed in response to issues that may arise, at the request of the Council or in response to changes to legislative or statutory requirements (whichever occurs first).

Amending this policy following a review will be subject to public consultation.

## Map of the Far North District

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