



## REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** D C Bush-King, Environment & Planning Manager

**REFERENCE:** E430

**SUBJECT:** **SHOP TRADING HOURS– EP06/07/01** - Report Prepared for 13 July 2006 Meeting

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Council has been invited to make a submission to the Commerce Committee that is currently considering two private member bills which give local authorities the discretionary power to allow shops to trade on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday. In order to exercise this discretion, the Bill propose that a local authority will use the Special Consultative Procedure provided in the Local Government Act 2002.

### 2. OPTIONS

The options available to the Council include making a submission supporting the Bill, making a submission opposing the Bill, or deciding not to take up the opportunity to make any submission at all.

The Bill represents the allocation of another responsibility to Local Government for which any costs will rest with the general ratepayer. While we already have responsibility to manage the conduct of trading activities under our Trading in Public Places Bylaw, I seek Council's direction as to what it prefers to do in relation to the proposed Bills which will broaden Council's involvement in trading issues.

I have not sought any public views on the support or otherwise for this measure. However, Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce, based on a survey of members, would like to see it possible for local communities to decide whether trading should be permitted over Easter.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and that Council direct what response should be made in respect of the Shop Trading Hours Act Repeal (Easter Trading) Amendment Bill and the Easter Sunday (Shop Trading) Bill.

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