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24 September 2009

Mr Dean Bentley  
Hutt City Council  
Private Bag 31912  
LOWER HUTT 5018

Dear Mr Bentley

**RE: Application for Temporary Liquor Ban - Saturday 5th December 2009**

This letter is to advise the Lower Hutt City Council that Police support the application for the temporary liquor ban dated Saturday the 5th December 2009.

The Police support this initiative (Brother Christmas in the Park) and believe a liquor ban will allow families to experience a trouble free event.

Mr Gadd and I meet in May 2009 and talked about the issues specifically relating to alcohol at such an event. It was agreed that for the event to run smoothly alcohol needed to be banned. Therefore the following liquor ban boundary would be needed:

- Hutt River - western boundary
- Nash, Reynolds and Tocker Streets - northern boundary
- High Street - eastern boundary
- Mabey Road - southern boundary

The concerns Police have if the ban isn't approved are:

- Public disorder - Fighting - Intimidation
- Domestic arguments (alcohol related)
- Broken glass
- Urinating in public
- Gang activity

Lower Hutt Police Intel Section have produced statistics supporting the fact that alcohol has a significant role in offending. All the offending that was reported in the Lower Hutt Central Business district in 2007 had alcohol listed as a contributing factor.

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These offences are:

- Detox due to intoxication
- Breach of the Peace
- Injures with Intent to Injure
- Common assault
- Burglary
- Threatening Behaviour

If the ban is approved, offences such as the ones listed above should be non-existent.

Yours faithfully



**Geoff Blake**  
**Sergeant GBH476**  
**Lower Hutt Youth Services**  
**Lower Hutt (Based at Petone CPC)**