

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A complaint made under 73 & 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010

**AGAINST**

**JONATHAN DIXON & SAFE BARS  
NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

**DECISION**

[1] In January 2022 the police filed a complaint against Jonathan Dixon and Safe Bars Security Limited as they understood Mr Dixon has been working as a crowd controller at Cowboys Nightclub in Queenstown although he does not hold a security licence or certificate. They also advised that Mr Dixon's company Safe Bars New Zealand Limited (Safe Bars) offered security consultancy services although it does not hold a licence.

[2] Mr Dixon held a temporary certificate of approval for three months in 2012 but his application for a certificate of approval was subsequently declined after Mr Dixon was convicted of a disqualifying offence. Mr Dixon is the sole director of Safe Bars and there is no record of Safe Bars ever applying for a company licence.

[3] I referred the complaint against Mr Dixon and Safe Bars to the Complaints, Investigation and Prosecution Unit (CIPU) for investigation. They have completed their investigation and provided their report. CIPU found that both Mr Dixon and Safe Bars had provided restricted security services without the appropriate certificate or licence. They concluded that a warning was the appropriate outcome in the circumstances.

[4] As neither Mr Dixon nor Safe Bars hold a licence or certificate, I have no jurisdiction to take any further action against them. However, the information before me tends to establish that Mr Dixon provided crowd controller services without the required licence or certificate and that Safe Bars and Mr Dixon are carrying on a business that requires Safe Bars to hold a company licence and Mr Dixon a certificate in the class of security consultant and possibly also private investigator.

[5] Safe Bars New Zealand and Mr Dixon are warned that carrying on a business providing crowd controller, security consultant or private investigation services without the necessary licence or certificate is an offence under the Act for which they could be prosecuted. If there is any further evidence that they are continuing to provide such services without having a licence and certificate I will recommend they be prosecuted.

**DATED** at Wellington this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2022



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P A McConnell

**Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**