

more commercial and customer-focused electricity supply companies, he said.

to Parliament's committee which is considering the restructuring.

Closed NP brewery and bar up for sale

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NEW PLYMOUTH central city bar and brewery The Thirsty Bull is up for sale.

The Thirsty Bull, run from a building on Devon St owned by Townscape Developments, has been closed since April 29.

Townscape director Warren Charlton said his firm took possession of the business chattels because of the tenant could not pay his bills.

The bar and brewery was being sold to recover money owing to Townscape and other creditors. He would not say how much was owed.

At the weekend, Rotorua-based hotel broker Bruce Rykers advertised the sale of the central city business by tender in newspapers around the country.

A number of options have been offered to tenderers including buying either the

bar or brewery, or both, with or without the buildings. Mr Rykers said there had been quite of a lot interest in the business since tenders were called.

Mr Charlton said a range of options had been offered to make it as easy as possible for someone to take over. "Our main priority is to sell the premises to someone who has the ability to run it properly. We want a tenant there that will be a success."

A lot of effort and money had been put into The Thirsty Bull by the owner and Townscape, and it would be a shame to see that wasted, he said. "It's a shame it had to go that way . . . (But) we would like to see it up and running again."

Tenders closed on June 30, and Mr Charlton expected a decision on the future of the bar and brewery to be made a few days later.

Former bar owner, David Shearer, could not be contacted yesterday.

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