

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE GAMBLING COMMISSION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR RENEWAL OF ITS VENUE LICENCE

The Gambling Commission has received an application from Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew the casino venue licence for Christchurch casino, located at 30-38 Victoria Street, Christchurch. If granted, the application would permit the casino to operate at this location for another 15 years.

Feedback from the community is being sought on this application and should be submitted to the Gambling Commission by 8 August 2018, either by email: info@gamblingcom.govt.nz, or by mail: PO Box 137295, Parnell, Auckland 1052.

The application is made under section 134 of the Gambling Act 2003. Further information is available on the Commission's website: www.gamblingcom.govt.nz.

Public inspection

Pursuant to section 135(1)(f) of the Gambling Act 2003, a copy of the application (and any amendments thereto), the casino impact report and other relevant documents will be available for inspection on the Gambling Commission's website at www.gamblingcom.govt.nz.

Written submissions

Pursuant to section 135(1)(c) of the Gambling Act 2003, the Commission invites written submissions on the application. Written submissions may be made by anybody who wishes to do so.

The Commission requires written submissions to be lodged with the Commission by **8 August 2018**. Further written submissions, strictly in reply to the written submissions of other parties, may be lodged by **5 September 2018**.

Submissions lodged after those dates will be received only with leave of the Commission.

Subject to any confidentiality arrangements made with the Gambling Commission, all written submissions and evidence received, including written submissions in reply, will be made publicly available on the Gambling Commission's website.

Hearing

Pursuant to section 135(1)(g) of the Gambling Act, the Commission must conduct a public hearing of the application. Arrangements for the hearing will be publicly notified at a later date and will also be shown on the Gambling Commission's website. The hearing will take place in Christchurch.

Applications to appear

Pursuant to section 135(1)(d) of the Gambling Act, the Gambling Commission invites those who wish to appear and be heard at the public hearing to apply to the Gambling Commission for authorisation to appear. The applications for authorisation to appear must be accompanied by:

- (i) the substantive written submissions of the party on Christchurch Casino's application for renewal; and

- (ii) a separate submission, with any supporting evidence, directed at establishing any claim to a right to be heard pursuant to section 135(4) of the Gambling Act.

The foregoing documents will be used to determine the application for authorisation to appear.

Persons or groups who satisfy the Gambling Commission, pursuant to section 135(4) of the Gambling Act 2003, that they represent a section of the community in which the Christchurch casino is located will be authorised to appear and be heard in person or by counsel or an agent. Other persons may be authorised to appear at the Gambling Commission's discretion. Only those authorised to appear may present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the public hearing.

The Commission requires applications for authorisation to appear to be lodged by **8 August 2018**. Applications after that date will be received only with leave of the Commission. In addition, the Commission reserves its power to authorise appearances at any time down to the end of the hearing.

Enquiries

Any enquiries relating to the application or the hearing should be directed to Blair Cairncross, Executive Director, Gambling Commission at blair.cairncross@gamblingcom.govt.nz.