

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF
A NEW FLOOR PLAN FOR THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

Date of Decision: 20 May 2020

1. On 13 May 2020, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“CCL”) applied, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a new floor plan, “Level 1-May 2020”.

2. Condition 12 provides as follows:

The Licence Holder shall obtain the approval of the Commission for new floor plans prior to relocating or installing tables or machines in positions not specified in approved floor layouts. When applying the Licence Holder must submit fresh plans showing the floor layout for the Gambling Area and details of the proposed CCTV layout for the consideration of the Commission. Any change must comply with the Surveillance Standard. The Executive Director and a single Gambling Commissioner may approve the new floor plans if they are satisfied that the floor layout has no potentially adverse effects. If they are not so satisfied, the proposed floor plan must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

3. CCL submitted:

- The Government has announced that with effect from 14 May 2020, New Zealand will move from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 3. This means that the casino can reopen.
- At this stage it is too early to predict how long New Zealand will remain at Alert Level 2, however it appears that it may be for a few weeks, or possibly to the end of 2020. It therefore needs to act now to maximise its available space.
- Prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, the casino operated at Alert Level 2 for a number of days. During that time it turned off every second EGM and used screens to create separate zones.
- It now wants to redeploy 26 EGMs onto the Main Gaming Floor. To create the necessary space it wants to remove five gaming tables and three Rapid Roulette terminals. It is limiting all gaming tables to three players, which effectively means that Poker will not be viable. Therefore four of the five tables being removed will be Poker tables.
- The proposed new floor plan, Level 1-May 2020, remains substantively the same as its existing floor plan. The only difference is the relocation of 26 EGMs. No

actual bases will be removed from the floor; just the game cabinets removed off their bases.

- It has discussed the proposal with local Gambling Inspectors to ensure ongoing compliance with licence conditions.
4. The proposal raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly plan Level 1-May 2020 (**attached**) is approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence for the Christchurch casino.

Lisa Hansen

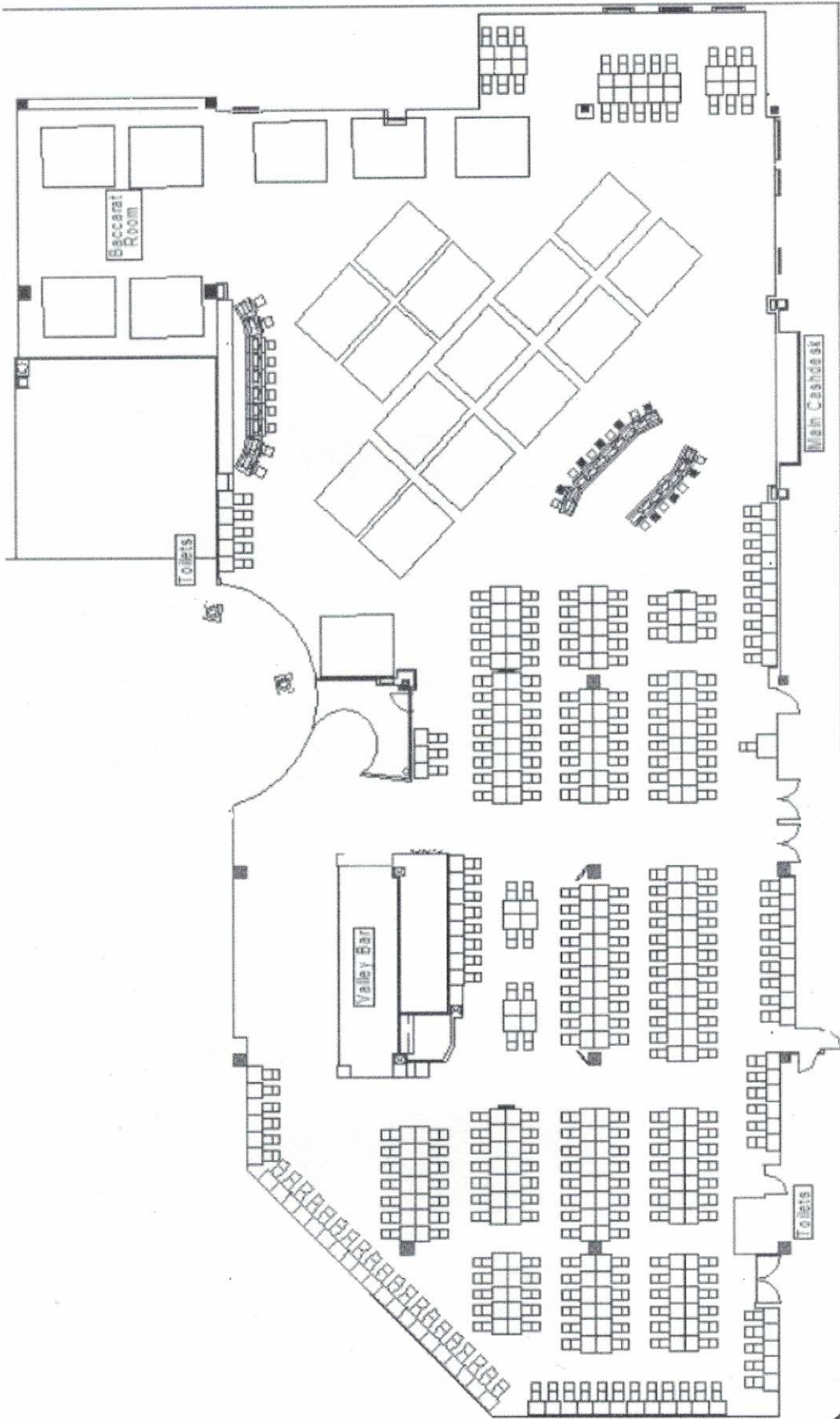
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Gambling Commission

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Gambling Commission

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Level 7 - May 2020

291 MACHINES, 23 TABLES

Church Casinos Limited



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