

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

Date of Decision: **4** June 2020

1. On 3 June 2020, Christchurch Casinos Limited Limited (“CCL”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval to remove one temporary screen and erect a second screen at the casino. The purpose of the screens is to create distinct areas at the Christchurch casino, allowing patrons to attend in a manner that complies with the Government’s guidelines in relation to COVID-19.
2. Conditions 6 and 7 of CCL’s venue licence provide as follows:

6. Subject to the provisions of condition 7, the Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
 - (a) any construction or design changes whatsoever in the Gambling Area (Schedule 1) and Additional Gambling Areas (Schedules 2, 3 or 4) and for any construction or design changes elsewhere in the Casino Venue which may impact on the matters set out in condition 7;
 - (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and Additional Gambling Areas and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices; and
 - (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels 3 and 4 and the rooftop area of the Casino Venue, (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located (paragraph (c) above) if he/she is satisfied the proposed changes will have no potentially adverse effects. If he/she is not so satisfied, the proposed changes must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design for which approval is required under condition 6. Notification must be accompanied by relevant drawings and an assessment of any impacts the alterations may have on:
 - (a) the integrity and fairness of games;
 - (b) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;
 - (c) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;
 - (d) potential access to the Gambling Area by persons under 20 years of age; and
 - (e) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11 of the Act.

The Executive Director may approve the proposed changes to the construction or design if he or she is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts in relation to the matters specified in (a)-(e) above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.

Submissions

3. CCL submitted as follows:

- (a) It currently has approval to segment the casino into four distinct areas. It wants to create a fifth distinct area to meet customer demand. In particular, it wants to segment the level 1 gaming area into three distinct areas rather than the two currently operating, by moving one temporary screen and erecting a second screen.
- (b) The level 2 gaming area remains unaffected.
- (c) Entry to each area will be strictly controlled and monitored to ensure that no more than 100 guests are present at any one time.
- (d) Each distinct area will comply with fire safety and egress requirements.
- (e) It has discussed the placement of the screens with the local Inspectorate. They have no issues with what is proposed.

Decision

- 4. The Executive Director was satisfied that CCL's proposal to erect temporary screens would not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes proposed are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.
- 5. The Commission's approval is limited to the construction and design changes only, and does not extend to matters over which it has no jurisdiction, such as compliance with the Government's guidelines on COVID-19.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

4 June 2020

