

**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: 2 September 2021

1. On 1 September 2021, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“CCL”) applied, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a new temporary floor plan, “Level 2 Gallery Floor Plan September 2021”.

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:

- It wants to make temporary changes in its VIP room Aspinalls, including the removal of two gaming tables and the installation of five EGM’s.
- It wants to be as prepared as possible, in anticipation of the country moving to COVID Alert Level 2, when it may be able to re-open. To do so safely, it envisages that the Ministry of Health will again require hoardings within the casino, to minimise the intermixing of guests and to create defined areas.
- Current information suggests that the new Alert Level 2 will allow something similar to what was permitted during Alert Level 2 in 2020. However, it is waiting for more information before finalising the location of its hoardings. This will likely come closer to the intended move down to Alert Level 2.
- In the interim, it wants to make changes to its VIP room, Aspinalls. The existing floor plan for Aspinalls will not meet its business needs at Alert Level 2. The previous minimum social distance under Alert Level 2 was one metre. The new Level 2 may require greater social distancing, which could result in fewer EGMs being available.
- There are currently only six EGMs available in Aspinalls and of those six, only five have adequate social distancing. It anticipates that patrons may be cautious under

Level 2 so it wants to remove two table games from Aspinalls and install five EGMs. This will provide a more complete in-room experience for its Aspinall's patrons.

- The proposed change will provide additional EGM selection that would otherwise be available in another area of the casino and allow guests to stay within one defined area for their entire visit.
 - If approved, the total number of EGMs would increase to 327, which is still below its permitted maximum of 500.
 - The revised hoarding locations and those EGMs and gaming tables that will be inoperative will be supplied in detail when more information is known.
4. The proposal raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly plan "Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan September 2021" 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. The floor plan is **attached**.
5. Floor plan "Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan September 2021", will cease to be valid once Christchurch leaves COVID Alert Level 2 and enters Alert Level 1.



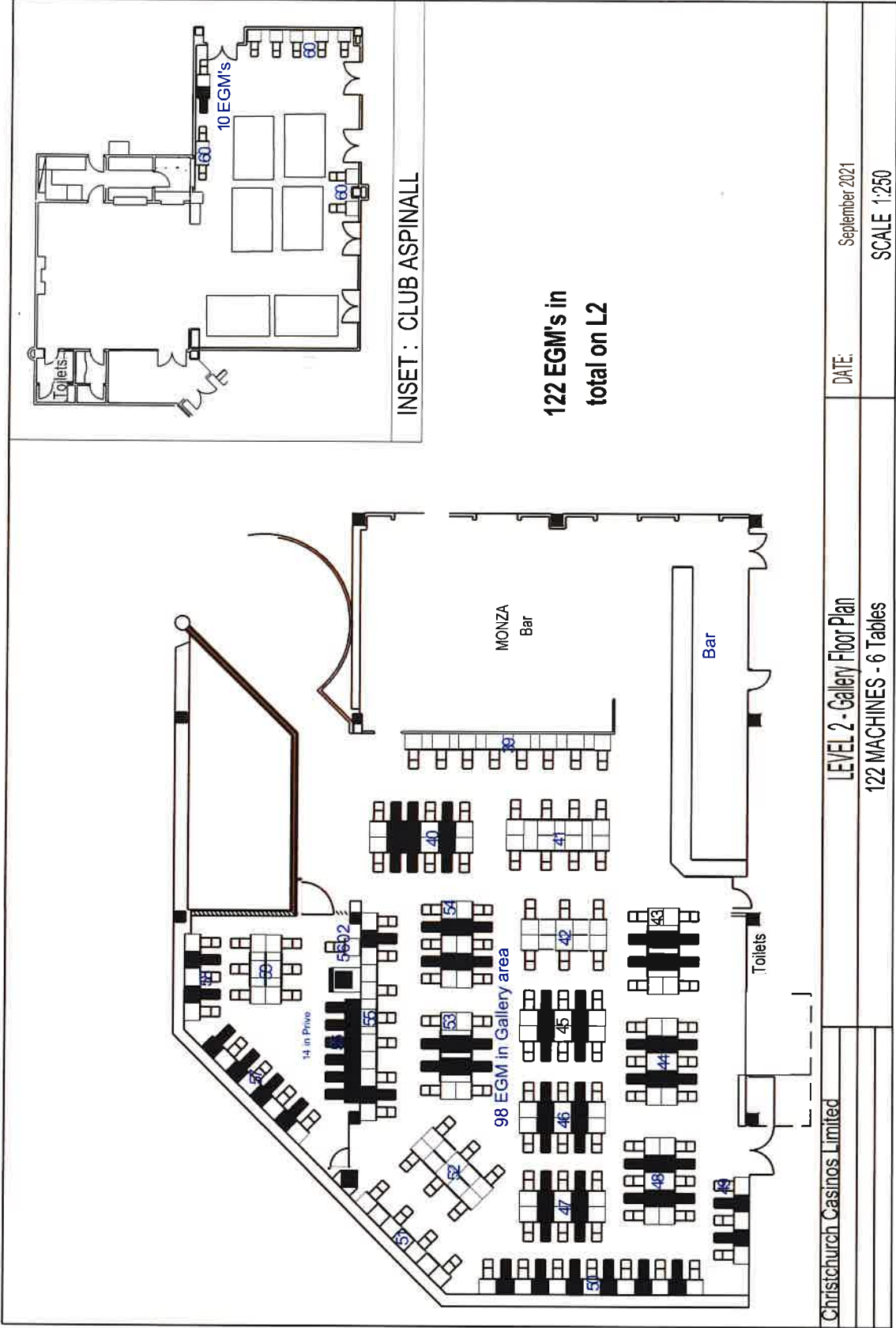
Lisa Hansen
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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LEVEL 2 - Gallery Floor Plan

122 MACHINES - 6 Tables

DATE:

September 2021

SCALE 1:250

122 EGM's in
total on L2

INSET: CLUB ASPINALL