

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

Date of Decision: 28 July 2022

1. On 26 July 2022, Christchurch Casinos Limited Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of a construction and design change at the Christchurch Casino; and, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a temporary new floor plan, “Level 1 – July 2022 Temp”.

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 (Schedules 1 and 2) and Additional Gambling Area (Schedule 3) 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 Level 1, Level 2 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.

3. Condition 12 of its operator's licence provides as follows:

12. 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.

Submissions

4. CCL submitted as follows:

Construction and design change

- (a) It wants to construct a temporary stage on the MGF to conduct monthly draws over specific dates for the "Hello Holidays" promotion being operated at the Casino.
- (b) The monthly draws for the promotion will be on the following dates:
- 28 July 2022
 - 1 September 2022
 - 29 September 2022
- (c) If approved, construction of the stage will commence on the day prior to each monthly draw. The stage will therefore be in place on the days prior to each draw and on the days of each draw, as follows:
- 27-28 July 2022
 - 31 August-1 September 2022
 - 28-29 September 2022
- (d) The stage will be deconstructed on the days following the draws, with the last deconstruction being on 30 September 2022.
- (e) The construction of the stage will not negatively affect any of the matters set out in condition 7 of its venue licence.

Floor plan

- (f) As a result of the construction of the temporary stage, it seeks approval of a temporary floor plan, "Level 1 – July 2022 Temp", which will be operational during the dates specified in paragraph 4(c) above.

- (g) The stage will be located where a Roulette table (AR02) is currently placed. This Roulette table will be moved next to three Poker tables and will be positioned in front of a Poker table (PK04).
 - (h) The Roulette table and Poker table will be curtained off and will not be operational during the dates specified above.
 - (i) At the conclusion of each draw, the temporary stage will be removed and it will revert to its existing floor plan "Level 1 – Valley Floor Plans – April 2022".
5. The Executive Director was satisfied that the proposed construction and design change will not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design change proposed is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence. The construction and design change is to be generally in accordance with the application.
6. The proposed temporary floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly plan "Level 1 – July 2022 Temp" (**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. Plan "Level 1 – July 2022 Temp" will cease to be valid from 1 October 2022.



Lisa Hansen
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

28 July 2022



“Level 1 – July 2022 Temp”

