

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF
NEW SIGNAGE AT THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

Date of Decision: 20 August 2024

1. On 20 August 2024, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence, for approval to display signage in the lobby and around the entrances to the Christchurch Casino.

2. Condition 6 provides as follows:

6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:

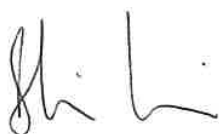
(a) ...

(b) ...

(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 B1 and 1 of the Casino Venue (6(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.

3. The proposed signage will have no potentially adverse effects and is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 6 of CCL’s venue licence. A copy of the signage is **attached**.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

20 August 2024



Structural Strengthening and Seismic Upgrade Work

I wish to inform you that we are soon to undertake structural strengthening and seismic upgrade work as part of our ongoing strengthening programme.

Work is expected to start January 2025 and as the work is staged, to finish by the end of 2025. Work will occur on various levels and areas of the Casino building.

While we would like to see you, of course it is your choice whether to visit the Casino while we undertake our seismic upgrade. The purpose of this message is to allow you to make an informed decision if to visit Christchurch Casino, prior to or during the period of work.

Recently we engaged Holmes structural engineers to undertake a seismic assessment of our building to identify, plan and implement risk mitigation measures. Holmes' initial structural assessment indicated that our building is likely to be considered as earthquake-prone because some areas are now less than 34%NBS.

Post the February 2011 earthquake, in a detailed structural assessment the Casino was assessed as having an earthquake strength of approximately 70% NBS. The building has not changed, but the revised score reflects the new assessment standards.

Once our seismic upgrade is complete at the end of 2025, we will not be considered an earthquake-prone building.

A common misconception is that if a building is rated less than 34%NBS and/or declared earthquake-prone, the building is dangerous and should be closed immediately.

Both the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and the New Zealand Society of Earthquake Engineers state that this is not the case, and buildings can still be occupied even when they have a low %NBS.

Our goal is to ensure minimum disruption to our guests and employees while we undertake the strengthening work. We will use some of the lessons learnt during COVID-19, to shut off areas and create zones by using screens, to minimise any impact.

Our priority is the health and safety of our employees and guests and will continue to be so. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

Brett Anderson,
CEO,
Christchurch Casino

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