

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

**Date of Decision: 6 August 2025**

1. On 6 August 2025, Christchurch Casinos 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.
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.

*Submissions*

3. CCL submitted, in summary, as follows:
- (a) In Delegated Approval 1590, the Commission approved the installation of temporary hoardings in the Baccarat Lounge and Café EGM area on Level 1. The hoardings allowed for the creation of a VIP area while Level 2 was closed for remedial work.
  - (b) It now wants to remove most of these hoardings (with the precise hoardings being removed set out in a plan attached to the letter of application). There will be no changes to the number of EGMs or gaming tables as a result of the hoardings being removed.

*Decision*

4. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design change would not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design change is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence. The change is to be generally in accordance with the application.



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

6 August 2025

