

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

Date of Decision: 29 August 2025

1. On 28 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; and pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a temporary floor plan “Level 1 Floor Plan 28 August 2025”.

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 CCL's 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, in summary, as follows:

- The Commission granted approval for a construction and design change (erection of hoardings) and a temporary floor plan "Level 1 Floor Plan 19 August 2025", under delegated approval 1658.
- The hoardings that were actually constructed differed from the hoarding plan that was approved in delegated approval 1658. It seeks approval of the amended hoarding layout.
- Four EGMs that were not included on the floor plan previously approved (because of the different hoarding layout) can now be included on the new floor plan.
- There will be no customer access or gambling occurring within the hoardings. No individual under 20 years of age will be permitted access to these areas at any time.
- These changes will allow remedial work to be undertaken on the next stage of its earthquake strengthening.

Decision

5. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design change (to retrospectively approve the hoardings erected) 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. The temporary hoardings may be removed once the proposed earthquake strengthening work has been completed, following notification to the DIA and the Gambling Commission.

6. The proposed temporary floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, Temporary plan "Level 1 Floor Plan 28 August 2025" (**attached**) is approved by a Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence.



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Gambling Commission

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Level 1 Floor Plan 28 August 2025

