

**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: 24 January 2018

1. On 18 January 2018 2017, 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 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 (Schedule 1) and Additional Gambling Areas (Schedules 2, 3 or 4) 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 Levels 3 and 4 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. CCL submitted that:
- (a) It has retired the cashiering facility on level 2 and removed two EFTPOS terminals. It wants to create a small lounge area in this space.
 - (b) The lounge will have multiple TVs and it is looking at trialling a number of Play Stations or X-boxes to allow video games to be played. Dependent on how the space is received it may provide it with an opportunity to test the demand for eSports.
 - (c) There are already a number of cameras in the space which will allow it to continue to monitor any activity in the area. Existing cupboards will allow an extra window to be viewable which will allow natural light into the area. The window will be treated to ensure no gambling is visible from outside.
4. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design change will not have a negative impact on any of the matters set out in condition 7 of CCL's venue licence, nor would it raise any other issues of regulatory concern. The proposed construction and design change is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence.



Tim McIvor
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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