

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND on an application by
CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED for approval of a new temporary floor plan and temporary construction and design changes

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
P J Stanley
L Hansen

Date of Decision: 18 February 2011

Date of Notification of Decision: 28th February 2011

**DECISION ON AN
APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW TEMPORARY FLOOR PLAN AND TEMPORARY
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES**

Introduction

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited (the "**Applicant**" or "**CCL**") applied for approval of:
 - (a) a new temporary floor plan, under conditions 11 and 12 of CCL's operator's licence, to allow it to remove one gaming table and relocate three gaming tables; and
 - (b) construction and design changes, under conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, to construct a temporary hoarding around a Poker table on level 3 of the casino.

Licence conditions

2. The relevant licence conditions are as follows:

Venue licence

6. Subject to the provisions of condition 7, the Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
 - (a) construction or design changes to Levels 3 and 4 of the Casino Venue, including the Gambling Area but excluding the foyer, restaurant and bar areas on Level 3 outside the Gambling Area (unless construction or design changes to any of these excluded areas may impact on matters set out in condition 7 in which case prior approval must be sought);
 - (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices;

- (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels 3 and 4 of the Casino Venue, (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b) and (c)

- 7 The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design of Levels 3 and 4 of the Casino Venue, including the Gambling Area but excluding the foyer, restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area. 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.

Operator's licence

- 11 The Licence Holder shall operate in accordance with approved floor layouts showing the position of gaming tables and gaming machines.
- 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.

Applicant's submissions

- 3. The Applicant submitted that:
 - (a) It annually hosts the New Zealand Poker Championships which, in 2011, will be held from 2-10 April
 - (b) The tournament has interest from an international sponsor to create a saleable TV programme. In order to create a professional appearance, it wants one Poker table to have a temporary hoarding constructed around three sides. The hoarding will be 9 metres x 10 metres and be 1.8 metres high.
 - (c) In order to cater for the hoarding, it will need temporarily to remove one gaming table and relocate three others around the level 3 Gambling Area. It will also need to deactivate 10 gaming machines immediately adjacent to the hoarding.

- (d) As the changes are temporary, it will utilise its current approved game mixes, and deploy one less game on the floor. This will eliminate the need to create a new series of game mixes for such a short period.
- (e) Its proposal will not increase opportunities for casino gambling and will have no impact on any of the matters set out in conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence.

Secretary's submissions

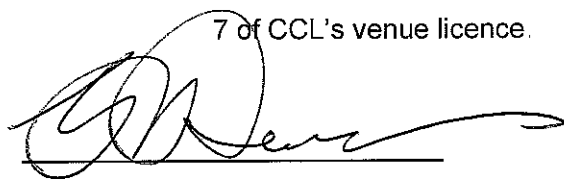
- 4. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns with CCL's proposals.

Analysis

- 5. CCL's proposal to construct a hoarding around a Poker table and to temporarily reposition its gaming facilities raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission or the casino inspectorate – the number of gambling opportunities will not increase, nor will the proposal create an increased risk of harm.
- 6. The approvals will cease to be valid once the Poker Championships have concluded and CCL returns to its permanent layout.

Decision

- 7. The Commission approved:
 - (a) the new temporary floor plan (**attached**), under conditions 11 and 12 of CCL's operator's licence;
 - (b) the proposed temporary construction and design changes, under conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence.



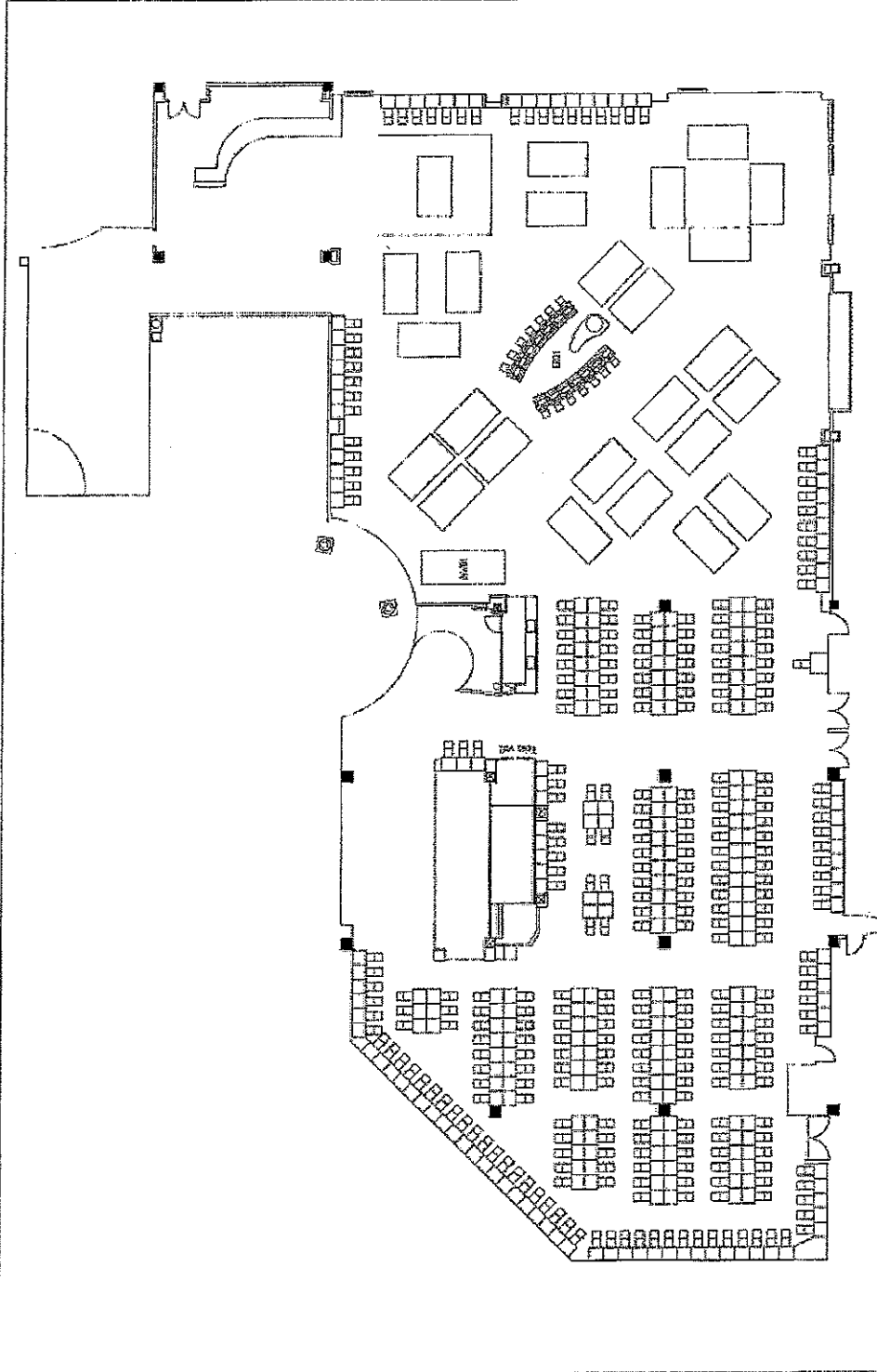
Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

28th

February 2014

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Christchurch Casinos Limited

LEVEL 3 - Temporary floor plan

DATE: 5 January 2011

SCALE: 1:250

309 MACHINES, 27 TABLES