

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND on applications by
CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED for approval to temporarily re-designate the casino's Gambling Area, of new temporary floor plans, and a new game mix

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: P Chin (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
M M Lythe
P J Stanley
G L Reeves
M J Richardson

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Date of Decision: 13 February 2009

Date of Notification
of Decision: 17 February 2009

**DECISION ON APPLICATIONS BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY RE-DESIGNATE THE
CASINO'S GAMBLING AREA, OF NEW TEMPORARY FLOOR PLANS,
AND A NEW GAME MIX**

Introduction

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited ("CCL") applied, under condition 1 of CCL's venue licence, for approval:
 - (a) to temporarily re-designate the Gambling Area at the Christchurch casino to include the Velvet Room;
 - (b) of two new temporary floor plans; and
 - (c) of one new game mix, "L".
2. If the new game mix is approved, the following game mixes would be available:

Game mix	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Roulette	9	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Black Jack (7-box)	14	8	11	11	12	9	10	11	9	9	9	9
Black Jack (5-box)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Midi Baccarat	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	4
Mini Baccarat	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Money Wheel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poker	2	7	4	3	3	7	3	4	4	7	7	8
Tai Sai	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Electronic Roulette	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34

Licence condition

3. Condition 1 of CCL's venue licence (as amended by the Commission by decision GC06/04) provides as follows:

1. **Casino premises to be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation in accordance with application**

The casino premises shall be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation generally in accordance with the application of the licence holder or with such changes as may from time to time be approved by the Commission, provided however that nothing in this condition shall apply in respect of any matter specified in the second schedule to the Casino Control Act 1990 (the "Act").

Submissions by CCL

4. CCL stated that:

- (a) It seeks approval of a new game mix, two temporary floor plans, and to temporarily re-designate the casino's Gambling Area to accommodate its annual hosting of the New Zealand Poker Championships.
- (b) It seeks approval of two temporary floor plans for the tournament, the first for use from 24 March 2009 to 2 April 2009, to depict the repositioning of one gaming table in the Gambling Area, and the second, for use from 3 April 2009 to 6 April 2009, to depict a re-designation of the casino's Gambling Area, to include the Velvet Room, and the placement of one gaming table in that room.
- (c) It wants to introduce one new game mix, game mix "L", for use on all approved floor plans. CCL submitted that game mix L compares favourably with its current baseline, game mix A, as follows:

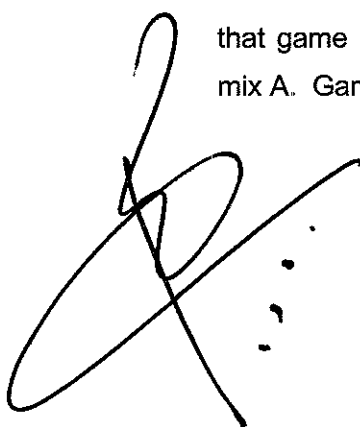
	Game mix A	Game mix L
Player numbers	662	658
Rounds per hour	1608	1567

The Secretary's submissions

5. The Secretary submitted, in summary, that:
- (a) he had no objection to the temporary designation of the Velvet Room as part of the casino's Gambling Area, and noted that he will ensure compliance with the Surveillance Standard prior to the room being utilised;
 - (b) he had no objection to the two temporary floor plans being approved for use during the tournament;
 - (c) the new game mix will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, but noted errors in CCL's calculation of player spaces and rounds per hour.

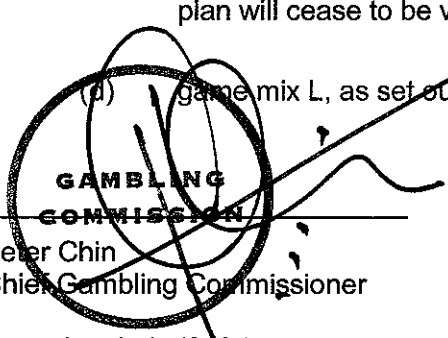
Analysis

6. The first temporary floor plan, which affects level 3 of the casino and which would be valid from 24 March 2009 to 2 April 2009, involves the relocation of one gaming table from one part of the approved Gambling Area to another part of the approved Gambling Area, raised no issues of regulatory concern.
7. The second temporary floor plan, also affecting level 3 and which would be valid from 3 April 2009 to 6 April 2009, involves the relocation of one gaming table from the approved Gambling Area to the Velvet Room, which CCL asked be designated as Gambling Area for those four days. The temporary designation of the Velvet Room as Gambling Area raised no issues of regulatory concern provided that the appropriate standards of surveillance monitoring are maintained. The Secretary submitted that he will ensure compliance prior to the Velvet Room being utilised.
8. The approval of game mix L raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. The Commission noted the submissions made by CCL and the Secretary and determined that game mix L will not increase opportunities for casino gambling compared to game mix A. Game mix L may be used on all approved floor plans, as sought.



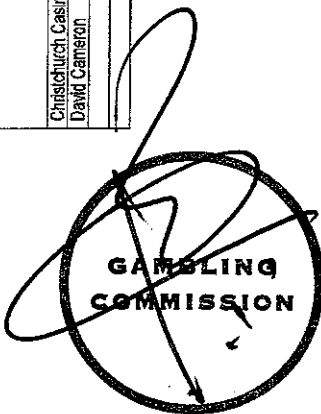
Decision of the Commission

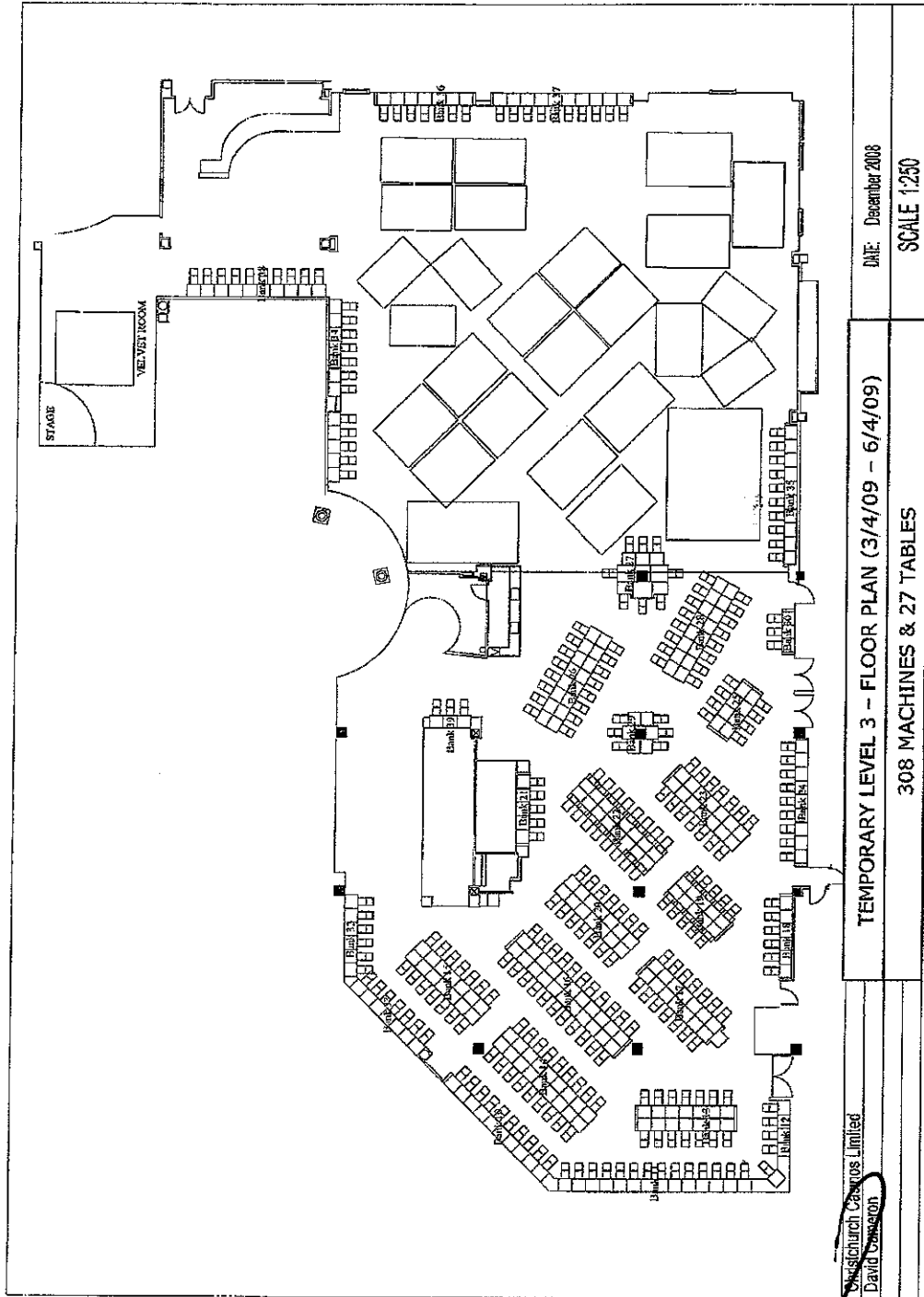
9. The Commission decided to approve, under condition 1 of the Applicant's venue licence:
- (a) the temporary re-designation of the Gambling Area at the Christchurch casino (from 3 April 2009 to 6 April 2009) to include the Velvet Room;
 - (b) floor plan "Temporary Level 3 – Floor plan (24/03/09-02/04/09)" (**attached**). This plan will cease to be valid from midnight on 2 April 2009;
 - (c) floor plan "Temporary Level 3 – Floor plan (03/04/09-06/04/09)" (**attached**). This plan will cease to be valid from midnight on 6 April 2009; and
 - (d) game mix L, as set out in the **attached** Annexure.


**GAMBLING
COMMISSION**
Peter Chin
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

17 February 2009





David Casseron
 David Casseron Limited

ANNEXURE

Pursuant to condition 1 of CCL's venue licence, the following table game mixes may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (a) Roulette – 9 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 14 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 3 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 2 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
- (b) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 8 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 7 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (c) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 11 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 4 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (d) Roulette – 9 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 11 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 3 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (e) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 12 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 3 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- (f) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 9 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 7 games
Tai Sai (single) – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (g) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 10 games
Black Jack (5-box) – 2 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 5 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 3 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (h) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 11 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 5 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 4 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (i) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 9 games
Black Jack (5-box) – 2 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 5 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 4 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (j) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 9 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 5 games
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 7 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- (k) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 9 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 5 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 7 games
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- (l) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack (7-box) – 9 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 8 games
Electronic Roulette – 1 game

Notes

- (a) The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the above approved table game mixes, subject to providing the inspectorate with weekly advice of the table game mix to be used for the forthcoming week, and five working days notice of any change from one approved game mix to another, except when alternating between table game mixes C and E, in which case the Licence Holder must telephone the local inspectorate prior to flipping.
- (b) The table game mixes refer (unless specified otherwise) to manual versions and do not extend to or permit the introduction of any electronic versions or new electronic aids or enhancements. If electronic versions, aids or enhancements are sought to be introduced, an application is required by the Licence Holder for approval of a revised floor layout and game mix.

