

**Submission on application by Christchurch Casinos Limited for
Renewal of Casino Venue Licence under section 134 Gambling Act 2003**

You may use the below form to provide your feedback on the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence for the Christchurch Casino, located at 30 Victoria Street, Christchurch. The full application can be read on the Gambling Commission's website [here](#).

To: **The Gambling Commission**

From: Christopher Thomas Egan

Manager – Canterbury Red Devils Ice Hockey Team

Full name of submitter

1. We **support** the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence.

2. The reasons for our **support** to the application are:
 - The Christchurch Casino became a sponsor for the Canterbury Men's Representative team (Canterbury Red Devils) in the 2018 season. Their sponsorship has greatly assisted the team to fund its season this year.
 - As a small minority sport, we have to work very hard to attract sponsorship to assist in keeping the costs for the players at an affordable level.
 - The cost of having a provincial team playing in the national competition are significant, and we rely on 3 sources of income to fund the team, through sponsorship (over 1/3rd of funding), gate sales (over 1/3rd of funding) and the balance being funded from players fees and other sources (merchandise sales etc).
 - The sponsorship money was used to pay travel expenses, accommodation when the team were playing out of town and fees for ice time.
 - Without the valued support from our sponsors, we would not be able to fund a team for the national competition.
 - The Christchurch Casino also sponsor a number of other teams as well as the Red Devils. A number of these sports do not have a high profile and access to lots of sponsorship dollars and they also rely on the support from the Casino.
 - The sponsorship was provided on the basis that the money be used to promote the game in the local community. The Casino did not impose any other requirements on the team and they relied on the Red Devils management team to make the best use of the money.
 - Ongoing support from the Christchurch Casino is very important to Ice Hockey in the Canterbury Region as we look to develop and grow our sport in this region. I am sure the other sports who also receive sponsorship also rely on the Casino's ongoing financial support for their sports as well.

3. I **would be happy** to attend the public hearing of the application hearing if the Gaming Commission or the Christchurch Casino would like me to.



C T Egan
Signature of submitter

7 August 2018

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Note to submitter

The closing date for submissions is the **8 August 2018**. The Gambling Commission must receive your submission by the closing date.

You can send your completed submission by email to:
info@gamblingcom.govt.nz

Or, you can send your completed submission by post to:
PO Box 137295, Parnell, Auckland 1052