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

**To: The Gambling Commission**

The Canterbury Jockey Club ('CJC') wishes to write in support of the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited for the renewal of its Casino Venue Licence.

The CJC is an organisation of some 1250 members, employ's upwards of 400 individuals, in one form or another during a calendar year, and provides earning opportunity, through its racemeetings and training operation, for hundreds of racing industry stakeholders.

The CJC has been a business partner of the Christchurch Casino since its opening. This relationship has grown to the point where the Casino is the Club's major sponsor being associated with the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup which is one of New Zealand most iconic thoroughbred horse races. By virtue of that the Casino is a critical component of Canterbury's major sporting and social event 'New Zealand Cup and Show Week'. It is fair to say that the Christchurch Casino through this support is the backbone of the CJC without which the Club would genuinely struggle to fulfil its role and provide the benefits and work opportunities to its stakeholders.

The Casino also displays it's support of the racing industry with sponsorship of the annual South Island Racing Awards and has, fortunately not often, hosted charity fundraising events for injured racing stakeholders. For example the fundraiser for paralysed jockey Christine Lawn enable modification and freeholding of her home.

In the early aftermath of the Christchurch earthquakes we saw the genuine care that the Casino has for its staff and employees with events to provide relief from what we were all experiencing being hosted here in the grounds of Riccarton Park Racecourse.

The Casino also offered the CJC support additional to its sponsorship commitments to ensure that all was not lost in Christchurch after the earthquakes and that the Canterbury provinces major social event, the New Zealand Cup Meeting of that year, went ahead. The 'Show must go on' approach from the Casino and its management, given so many other events were lost to the City, and the need for Cantabrians to have some entertainment was highly commendable and of huge support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information and I am happy to speak in person if needs be.

*Kind regards*



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