

**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: **Dunedin Casinos Limited**

Full name of submitter

1. I **support** the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence. *(circle one)*
2. The reasons for my **support** to the application are: *(please circle one, and use extra pages if necessary)*

Dunedin Casinos Limited (DCL) is fully supportive of Christchurch Casinos Limited (CCL) in their submission for the Casino Venue Licence renewal for a further 15 years.

Background

CCL being the initial casino to obtain a casino licence in New Zealand has gained more than 23 years experience in operating a successful casino business. They have a professional and dedicated team consisting of employees, management and board of directors who have provided an entertainment environment which is safe and compliant. It must be noted one of their current directors, Mr Alister Ryan, assisted the Casino Control Authority with CCL's initial Casino Licence application while working for the accounting firm of Ernst and Young. CCL is 100% owned by Skyline Enterprises Limited which is a well respected South Island tourism company for over 50 years.

Host Responsibility

CCL have a very strong emphasis on host responsibility. We are aware they have been recognised at a national level when they were awarded the Hospitality New Zealand award for Excellence in Host Responsibility for the years 2008, 2013-2016. In 2010 they won the Workplace Training category at the New Zealand Tourism Awards as well as the Supreme Award which reinforces their commitment to host responsibility. With CCL owning 33% of DCL we have developed a close working relationship on such matters and are familiar with their 'Play Safe, Drink Safe' programme designed to minimise both alcohol and gambling harm.

Compliance

CCL has always displayed a willingness to do more than the accepted minimum. Despite there being minimum standards set by regulatory bodies, there is an appreciation of a 'social' responsibility to continually improve. We are aware of several new 'technology' initiatives they have implemented to enhance compliance and minimise gambling harm.

Community

CCL has become a valued member of the Canterbury community. Through their Charitable Trust they make a valuable contribution to many community groups by way of grants and sponsorships. They actively work with Problem Gambling Treatment Providers to minimise gambling harm. CCL is a long standing and successful business in the heart of Christchurch. It has shown itself to be a reputable business that has continually strived to be a 'good corporate'. It has been a vital part of the city's regeneration after the recent earthquakes which decimated the central city area. DCL is fully supportive in their application for a renewal of their Casino Venue Licence.

3. I **would not** like to attend and be heard at the public hearing of the application. (*circle one*)
4. If you **would** like to attend and be heard at the public hearing, please explain below:
- your connection with the Casino;
 - why you are interested in the application; and
 - a brief outline of the information you could provide at the hearing to assist the Gambling Commission in making their decision on the application.

(please use extra pages if necessary)



Signature of submitter (*a signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means*)

7.8.18

Date

Email address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Postal address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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