

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

To: The Gambling Commission

From: Greg Cooper

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)*

The Casino is a vital part of the Christchurch and Canterbury Landscape. It provides direct employment for over 450 people without even considering the hundreds of other people whose employment by various suppliers to the Casino would be impacted should the licence not be renewed.

Yes it is sad that there are some people who can have an addiction to gambling and be negatively affected by this, but at the end of the day personal responsibility must come into play. Shall we close all bars because some people develop alcoholism? – Just ask some older people about the 6 o'clock swill when this semi-prohibition approach was in play. Then what about all the tens of thousands of people who over time have gambled at the Casino having a fun enjoyable time on responsible basis – why should they miss out because of the handful who have a problem.

The Casino supports many many charities in our region both through the Charitable Trust to which it contributes as well as via many other sponsorships (The Golden Oldies Festival recently held in Chch being a prime example) small sports clubs and other organisations such as the Court Theatre and even providing vouchers for local schools etc when asked.

I urge you to grant the Casino's application

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.



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

8/8/18 _____

Date

Email address: [REDACTED]

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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:

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