

**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: Kelly Andrew

Full name of submitter

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

While the tragic stories are well publicised, the stories of those people who enjoy the experience and the positive outcomes of the casino are over-shadowed and forgotten.

Blaming the casino for problem gambling and stopping the activity is like blaming cafes, restaurants and bars (or anywhere selling alcohol) for alcoholism and banning the public sale of alcohol. Behaviours of those people who abuse any kind of activity or substance ruin it for the vast majority. In this case the majority who enjoy the Casino facilities will experience a good meal with friends and family and sometimes (not always) followed by visiting the gaming floor for further entertainment.

In my experience I have visited the Casino for special events, hosting visitors from out of town and for occasions such as birthdays. We would choose to dine at either the Monza Sports Bar (if a game is on or to partake in their great meal deals) or at the Grand Café. The only time we would follow this dining to visit the gaming floor would be on birthdays. We would spend \$40 cash over a few hours and not spend anymore. I appreciate that some people would not have this same discipline, but many people do. Similarly, some people drink in town and enjoy a few drinks across the evening, while others would drop hundreds of dollars in one evening and drink excessively.

In my experience the staff at the Casino are extremely genuine in their efforts to support not only people visiting the premises but also the community. Being involved in a not for profit organisation I have attended events hosted by the Casino for the purpose of giving back to the community. The particular events I have attended involve fun-gaming where people play on behalf of a not-for-profit organisation where 1st, 2nd and 3rd receive a donation of \$5K, \$3K and \$2K respectively. It would be easy for the Casino to simply donate money however the events bring people from different community/not for profit organisations together to mingle. The events give the people opportunities to network with similar organisations which I find extremely valuable.

3. I [REDACTED] **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)*

08 August 2018
Date

Email address: 

Telephone: _____

Postal address: _____

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