

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

To: The Gambling Commission

From: Maxwell Bremner

1. I **support** the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence.
2. The reasons for my **support** to the application are:

I am the majority shareholder of the owner of a commercial building at 50 Victoria Street. I am also the owner of the "The Bog" Irish Bar and Restaurant which is over the road from the Casino. As one of the Casino's closest neighbours and as a hospitality operator I wish to emphasise the crucial role that the Casino plays as the key anchor asset in Victoria Street.

After the earthquakes Christchurch hospitality was essentially wiped out. I lost my own business in the CBD. Christchurch hospitality only got back up and running because a group of operators decided to base themselves in Victoria St because the Casino was there and operating. This became the hub of what the Minister for Earthquake Recovery then designated as the Victoria St Entertainment Precinct.

The casino plays an important role with all of the businesses in Victoria St and is a part of providing responsible host training to other businesses and is part of the Victoria Safe campaign which ensures that patrons moving between venues in Victoria St are kept safe from harm.

If the Casino's licence were not renewed the future for Victoria St businesses, many of whom established after the earthquakes because of the proximity of the Casino, would be very bleak.

3. I **would** like to attend and be heard at the public hearing of the application.