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Christchurch casino licence renewal

I support the application by Christchurch Casinos Limited to renew their Casino Venue Licence.

The reasons for my support to the application are:

Casinos operate in a legal and highly regulated industry within NZ. It provides secure employment. I have worked since 1989 to build a career in a unique industry, this is the only casino in CHC and it operates responsibly. Whilst I may be employed by the casino, I am well aware of the training and effort the business goes to be a responsible host.

Every employee is serious about looking after customers, evident by the awards won by the business.

It's a fun business, people who use the casino enjoy it and have a lot of fun. It adds to the city vibrancy.

The casino is a destination venue. If you do wish to visit, you have to get dressed up, travel to the city and gain entrance. Whereas community based gambling is so prevalent its in our supermarkets. Its normalizing gambling to any of their customers. You can play lotto on line, buy scratchy tickets anywhere, lotto at your local supermarket. The TAB odds of rugby score and first try scorers are all communicated before each rugby game. Pubs and clubs all have gambling from the age of 18. Casino operators are responsible and the entry is 20+.

Some people don't like it but many more do. Same as driving a car, most people do so responsibly but there will always be some members of society that cannot do so and the privilege is therefore removed. When gambling is noted as being a problem for those who come here we remove their ability to do so.

Closing venues doesn't stop the demand, it moves it to an alternative.

In this case, online gaming is a growth area non-taxed and non-regulated. This is also evident through the earthquake closure of the casino where the Christchurch class 4 gaming machine expenditure increased substantially.

Regards

Stuart Anderson