

Information Notice

Application Type:	Category one (hotel) gaming machine licence
Trading Name:	Chevron Island Tavern
Address of the Premises:	47 Thomas Drive, Surfers Paradise
Date of the Decision:	7 November 2023
Applicable Legislations:	Section 56 to 60 of the <i>Gaming Machine Act 1991</i>

Brief Summary of the Reasons for the Decision

As delegate for the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming, I conducted a review of the application for a gaming machine licence lodged for the Chevron Island Tavern on 4 January 2022. In deciding the application, I took into account the following findings of fact:

- 1) The applicant is eligible to apply for a gaming machine licence under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* (the Act).
- 2) The application was advertised for public comment with one submission being received.
- 3) The Gold Coast City Council has no objection to the application.
- 4) The Member of Surfers Paradise was informed of the application and made no objection.
- 5) An investigation of the applicant was conducted by the OLGR Probity Unit, which found the applicant company and its directors suitable in regard to matters articulated in section 57(3)(c) of the Act.

I have considered the relevant matters outlined in section 57 of the Act.

I took into account the submission received, which expressed concern regarding the impact of the proposal on the 'urban character' of Thomas Drive; particularly regarding the visual amenity of empty kegs, garbage bins and other refuse stacked at the rear of the premises on private property, but visible to the street.

After considering all of the relevant factors and information, both positive and negative, and the aforementioned findings on material questions of fact, I have decided to approve the application.

In arriving at this recommendation, weight was given to the following:

- The licensee holding a commercial hotel liquor licence since August 2016.
- No objections to the application from the Council or the local member of Parliament.
- The one public submission is not specific to the possible harm from gaming activities at the premises.
- There are currently no gaming venues located within the Chevron Island local community area and this application is for a low number (14) of gaming machines.
- The licensee's commitment to the responsible service of gaming. The licensee has provided a statement of responsible gambling initiatives and details of the harm minimisation practices which have been assessed as appropriate.
- Conditions have been recommended for the gaming machine licence to mitigate potential gambling related harm.