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Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Casino Games – Roulette

The Secretary for Internal Affairs, subject to appropriate consultation, is able to make, amend or revoke rules under section 367 of the Gambling Act 2003. This letter is to initiate consultation on proposed amendments to the rules for casino games in respect of Roulette. A corresponding amendment is also being proposed to the rules for Electronic Roulette. Amended versions of the rules are enclosed for your convenience.

The proposal is to introduce an additional table layout option for manual Roulette, and also Electronic Roulette. The Applicant states that it would like the option of installing a Roulette layout and wheel featuring 38 numbered compartments. This would introduce an additional compartment to those under the current rules. The additional number would be marked 00. The additional option should have the effect of increasing the casino's theoretical profit associated with these games.

These amendments will need to be assessed to ensure they are consistent with the purposes of the Gambling Act. The purposes of the Gambling Act include:

- ensuring the integrity and fairness of games
- preventing and minimising the harm caused by gambling, including problem gambling.

You are invited to make submissions by 3 November 2011

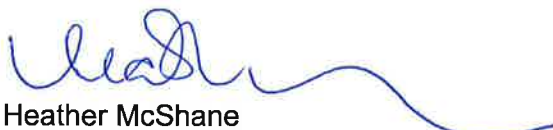
If the amendments are made, notice will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

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Yours sincerely



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