



**Authority Statement  
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**Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority Releases 5 Yearly Report on The Star casino**

The Chairperson of the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority, Mr Chris Sidoti, today released the Authority's report of the latest statutory five yearly Investigation of the casino operator under section 31 of the Casino Control Act 1992. The report was provided to the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, the Hon George Souris MP, on 15 December 2011 in accordance with the Act.

This is the first investigation which has been conducted after a period of five years has elapsed since the last s.31 investigation which reported in December 2006.

In conducting the investigation the Authority was assisted by Ms Gail Furness SC.

Ms Furness SC has concluded that *"The Star remains suitable to hold the casino licence and that it is the public interest that the casino licence should continue in force."*

The Authority adopts this conclusion.

The report states that though there has been a fundamental change in the structure of the casino operator and there is no doubt the management has deliberately adopted a different approach to its operations, it cannot be criticised for focusing on customer service and it does not necessarily follow that such a focus will result in the casino operator not complying with its obligations. It identifies a number of matters examined during the course of the investigation that the Authority should monitor closely on a continuing basis.

Mr Sidoti also advised that the Authority has adopted the recommendations contained in the Report and is developing arrangements to ensure they are implemented.

A copy of the report can be obtained from the Authority's website [www.clgca.nsw.gov.au](http://www.clgca.nsw.gov.au)

Also available on the website is a copy of the non-confidential public submissions made to the investigation.