

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES TO THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

Date of Decision: 17 October 2012

1. On 11 October 2012, SKYCITY Auckland Limited ("**SCAL**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to the Auckland casino.

2. Condition 6 provides as follows:

6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:

(a) construction or design changes to Levels 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the casino venue, including the Gambling Area but excluding the SKYCITY Theatre and foyer area, restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area, hotel rooms and the back of house areas used by staff (unless construction or design changes to any of these excluded areas may impact on matters set out in condition 7 in which case prior approval must be sought);

(b) ...

(c) ...

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the casino venue, including the Gambling Area (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on any building, road or structure within the casino block (paragraph (c) above) if he/she is satisfied the proposed changes will have no potentially adverse effects. If he/she is not so satisfied, the proposed changes must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design of Levels 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the casino venue, including the Gambling Area but excluding SKYCITY Theatre and foyer area, restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area, hotel rooms and the back of house areas used by staff. Notification must be accompanied by relevant drawings and an assessment of any impacts the alterations may have on:

(a) the integrity and fairness of games;

(b) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;

(c) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;

(d) potential access to the Gambling Area by persons under 20 years of age;
and

(e) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11.

The Executive Director may approve the proposed changes to the construction or design if he or she is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts in relation to the matters specified in (a)-(e) above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.



8. SCAL stated that it wants to install a staircase which will link the Rouge Room on level 2 with what is currently the Poker Room on level 3. The new staircase will be located in what is currently a back of house stairwell, presently accessible through fire egress doors. The fire egress doors will be shifted forward of their current location, and a wall removed from the Rouge Room. This will allow customers to access the staircase directly from this room.
9. SCAL stated that the installation of the staircase will also necessitate alterations to the Poker Room on level 3. The entry doors to the toilets on level 3 will be relocated, as the new staircase would affect with their current location.
10. SCAL also wants to erect a new glass wall bordering the staircase in the Poker Room.
11. SCAL stated that the changes have no effect on the matters set out in condition 7.
12. The proposal raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly the construction and design changes are approved by the Executive Director pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL's venue licence. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.


Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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