

**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: 21 August 2026

1. On 21 August 2026, SKYCITY Auckland Limited (“**SCAL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to Level 2 of the Auckland Casino.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL’s venue licence for the Auckland casino provide as follows:

6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
- (a) construction or design changes to Levels 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Original Casino Site, including the Gambling Area but excluding the Sky Tower, 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) construction and design changes to Level 7 of the Grand Hotel on the NZICCA Additional Site, including the Gambling Area but excluding restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area 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);
 - (c) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and within the Original Casino Site or the NZICCA Additional Site of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices;
 - (d) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on any building, road or structure within the Original Casino Site or the NZICCA Additional Site, including, walkways between any of the Original Casino Site and the NZICCA Additional Site;
 - (e) the broadcasting of gambling activity by or on behalf of the Licence Holder via any communication medium or channel.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Ls 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Original Casino Site, and Level 7 of the Grand Hotel on the NZICCA Additional Site, including the Gambling Area (paragraphs (a) and (b) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(c). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on any building, road or structure within the Original Casino Site or the NZICCA Additional Site (paragraph (d) above) and the broadcasting of gambling activity by or on behalf of the Licence Holder via any communication medium or channel (paragraph (e) above) if satisfied that the proposed initiative(s) will have no potentially adverse effects. The proposed changes must otherwise 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 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Original Casino Site, and Level 7 of the Grand Hotel on the NZICCA Additional Site, including the Gambling Area, but excluding Sky Tower, SKYCITY Theatre and foyer area, restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area, hotel rooms,

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.

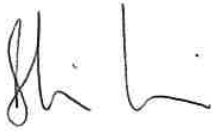
Submissions

3. SCAL submitted as follows:

- (a) It is proposing to make changes to two areas of level 2 of the casino venue. The first area involves the building of a service desk and breakout space, and the second area involves the replacement of wall treatment.
- (b) It also seeks approval to relocate 11 SHOW sign-up kiosks. The placement of the kiosks will be reflected in future floor plans.
- (c) It is proposing to make the following changes to the area marked as Area 1 on a plan provided to the Commission: partial wall removal, removal of five television screens, creation of a partially closed off break out space, installation of a service desk with five workstations, installation of cabinetry, updating the ceiling motif, replacing the wall treatment
- (d) In relation to Area 2, it is proposing that the wall covering will be replaced.
- (e) Subject to Commission approval, the works are intended to commence in late August and are expected to take approximately 5 weeks.
- (f) Should the installation of the service desk and breakout space be approved, it will need to install hoardings while the works are being carried out. It also seeks approval to do this.
- (g) the proposed construction and design changes will not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7.

Decision

4. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes would not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes proposed for Areas 1 and 2, the relocation of 11 SHOW kiosks and the erection of hoardings around the construction areas is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL's venue licence. The changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

21 August 2026

