

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

**Date of Decision: 14 May 2026**

1. On 14 May 2026, SkyCity Auckland Limited (“**SCAL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Auckland casino. It wants to refurbish the area known as “8 on 3” on Level 3.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL’s venue licence 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 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) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices;
- (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on any building, road or structure within the block of land bounded by Hobson Street, Wellesley Street West, Federal Street and Victoria Street West, including the Casino Venue, Sky Tower, car park, bus terminal and walkways between the casino and the Sky Tower and the convention centre.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels 1, 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 1, 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.

### *Submissions*

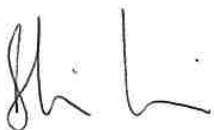
3. SCAL submitted as follows:

- It wants to make the following changes to the area known as “8 on 3”:
  - replace carpet;
  - replace wall coverings;
  - replace ceiling tiles, where necessary.
- Entrance to the refurbished area will be via the internal staircase from Level 2 of the MGF. Entrance via the doors at the mezzanine on Level 3 will be locked to the public and will be utilised by staff only if required.
- If approved, the works are intended to commence in late May and are expected to take approximately 4 weeks.
- Once the works are completed, it will notify the Commission that the area will be reactivated as a Gambling Area as per condition 9A of its venue licence.
- As a consequence of the proposed construction and design changes, there will be some changes to the placement of gaming product on Level 2 of the MGF and on Level 3. The floor plans are yet to be confirmed and will be submitted to the Gambling Commission for approval once finalised.

4. The proposed construction and design changes will have no adverse impact on the matters specified in condition 7.

### *Decision*

5. 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 are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL’s venue licence.



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

14 May 2026

