

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED FOR APPROVAL TO BROADCAST
GAMBLING ACTIVITY**

Date of Decision: 2 December 2025

1. On 2 December 2025, SkyCity Auckland Limited (“**SCAL**”) applied, pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence, for approval to broadcast gambling activity.
2. Condition 6 of the licence conditions provide as follows:

SCAL’s venue licence

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 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 (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.

Submissions

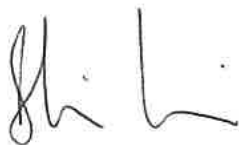
3. SCAL submitted as follows:
 - (a) TVNZ is intending to visit the SkyCity Training room at 99 Albert Street, Auckland to film a segment about learning how to shuffle cards and chip handling ‘tricks’. The

chips used will not be SkyCity branded and any footage including other gambling equipment, other than cards, will be incidental and not the main focus of the filming.

- (b) Whilst it does not necessarily think the demonstrations are considered to be gambling activity, out of an abundance of caution, it seeks approval to broadcast the proposed footage. It is not in a position to provide the footage prior to broadcast.
- (c) It seeks approval to use the proposed footage on television via Seven Sharp programme, and possibly on Instagram, Facebook and other social media.
- (a) It seeks approval to broadcast the video pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence for the Auckland Casino. It is satisfied, based on its internal reviews, that the broadcasting of this material to the audiences in question will have no adverse effects.

Decision

4. SCAL's application to broadcast the proposed video footage will have no potentially adverse effects and is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to condition 6 of SCAL's venue licence for the Auckland casino.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

2 December 2025

