

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED FOR APPROVAL TO BROADCAST BACCARAT GAMES
BETWEEN THE AUCKLAND AND ADELAIDE CASINOS**

Date of Decision: 11 March 2020

1. On 10 March 2020, SKYCITY Auckland Limited ("**SCAL**") applied, pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence, for approval to broadcast Baccarat games between the Auckland and Adelaide casinos.

2. Condition 6 provides as follows:

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

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) ...
- (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.

3. SCAL submitted, in summary, as follows:

- (a) ON 18 and 19 April 2020 its International Business will be streaming a cross-site video of a free to enter Baccarat Tournament which is being staged in both Adelaide and Auckland.
- (b) The final round of the tournament is being played on two separate tables, one in Auckland and one in Adelaide. To add to the entertainment factor it is intended to enable players at each table to see the other table in action throughout the final round.
- (c) The footage to be shared across both sites would come from a mobile device filming a stationary overview of the gaming table.

- (d) The footage will be shared using a “facetime” call (or similar) from site to site, which will be cast to a big screen placed behind each table so that all players can see.
- (e) Although there are prizes attached to this tournament, the fact that it is free to enter and does not involve paying or staking consideration on the outcome means it is not gambling, and is technically outside the scope of condition 6(e) of the conditions attached to SCAL’s venue licence. That said, even if it was within scope, the fact that coverage will be limited to tournament participants and staff would suggest adverse impacts are highly unlikely.
4. The proposal will have no potentially adverse effects and is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 6 SCAL’s venue licence.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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