

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

Date of Decision:  **August 2020**

1. On 10 May 2019, SKYCITY Auckland Limited ("**SCAL**") applied, pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence, for approval to broadcast gambling activity.
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 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;
 - (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 initiative(s) must otherwise be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

Submissions

3. SCAL submitted as follows:
 - (a) It has been approached to tell its COVID story at the forthcoming Australasian Gaming Expo conference being held in Sydney.

- (b) It has put together a video presentation for participants at the conference, who are likely to come from all parts of the world. The video may also be used on social media channels.
- (c) Whilst the video is primarily focused on SKYCITY executives reflecting on their experiences during the relevant time, there are some images of table games and EGMs which form a backdrop to the area in which the discussions take place and/or as part of the theme of what the speakers are discussing.

Decision

- 4. SCAL's proposal 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.

Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

10 August 2020

