

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

Date of Decision: 14 August 2020

1. On 13 August 2020 SKYCITY Hamilton Limited ("SHL") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Hamilton casino.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of SHL's venue licence for the Hamilton casino provide as follows:

6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
- (a) construction or design changes to Levels B1 and 1 of the Casino Venue, including the Gambling Area;
  - (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 the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels B1 and 1 of the Casino Venue (6(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 the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located (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 B1 and 1 of the Casino Venue. 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. SHL submitted as follows:

- (a) The Government has directed that the Auckland region move to COVID Alert Level 3 and for the remainder of New Zealand to move to Alert Level 2. As such, it is preparing to manage the number of persons that can be on site at the Hamilton casino at any one time, should the Alert Level 2 restrictions be extended.
- (b) To enhance social distancing measures on the MGF, it wants to create three distinct areas by using the existing building layout and by installing a temporary hoarding.
- (c) To the extent that any CCTV cameras need to be adjusted to ensure coverage is not adversely impacted by the hoardings, those adjustments will be undertaken.
- (d) The installation of the hoardings will have no adverse effect on the matters set out in condition 6.

*Decision*

8. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes would not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes proposed are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SHL's venue licence. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

14 August 2020

