

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN  
APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF TWO  
NEW FLOOR PLANS, AND BY SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF  
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES FOR THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

**Date of Decision: 23 September 2021**

1. On 21 September 2021, SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied, pursuant to condition 11 of its operator’s licence for the Auckland casino, for approval of two new floor plans, “2021 L2 004 TEMP” and “2021 L3 001 TEMP”; and SKYCITY Auckland Limited applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes I stall hoardings in the Auckland casino.
2. Condition 11 of SCML’s operator’s licence for the Auckland casino provides as follows:
  11. The Licence Holder shall operate in accordance with approved floor layouts showing the position of gaming tables and gaming machines. The Licence Holder shall obtain approval for new floor plans prior to relocating or installing tables or machines in positions not specified in approved floor layouts. When applying, the Licence Holder must submit fresh plans showing the floor layout for the Gambling Area and details of the proposed CCTV layout for consideration. Any change must comply with the Surveillance Standard. The Executive Director and a single Gambling Commissioner may approve the new floor plans if they are satisfied that the floor layout has no potentially adverse effects. If they are not so satisfied, the proposed floor plan must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.
3. Conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL’s venue licence for the Auckland casino 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.

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*

#### Floor plan

#### 4. SCML submitted as follows:

##### *Level 2*

- (a) It is currently reliant on plan "2021 L2 004".
- (b) The proposed new floor plan, "2021 L2 004 TEMP", includes the following changes in various locations:
  - Remove 60 EGMs and reconfigure layout
  - Remove 76 EGMs
  - Remove 39 terminals
  - Remove 12 gaming tables and reconfigure layout
  - Remove 4 gaming tables

##### *Level 3*

- (c) It is currently reliant on plan "2021 L3 001".
- (d) The proposed new floor plan, "2021 L3 001 TEMP", includes the following changes in various locations:
  - Remove 24 EGMs
  - Remove 2 gaming tables

### Construction and Design Changes - Zone Hoardings

5. SCAL submitted as follows:
- (a) The Commission previously approved the installation of hoardings at SKYCITY Auckland to implement social distancing at COVID Alert Level 2.
  - (b) While Auckland is currently at Alert Level 3 and the casino is currently closed, it is preparing for when Auckland moves to Alert Level 2 and social distancing measures need to be introduced once again to enable the casino to open. This includes revised zones and associated movement of gaming product to accommodate the installed hoardings.
  - (c) To the extent that any 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 7 of its venue licence.
  - (e) It has previously activated an alternative red line plan for Level 2 of the casino, as depicted in Schedule 2 of its venue licence, during Alert Level 2 which reduces the gaming area by the theatre lifts. It does not intend to activate this plan at the current time.

### *Decision*


6. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern. Accordingly, plans “2021 L2 004 TEMP” and “2021 L3 001 TEMP” (**attached**) are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to condition 11 of SCML’s operator’s licence, for the Auckland casino.
7. Floor plans “2021 L2 004 TEMP” and “2021 L3 001 TEMP” will cease to be valid once Auckland moves to COVID Alert Level 1.

8. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes in relation to the installation of hoardings 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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**Lisa Hansen**  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission

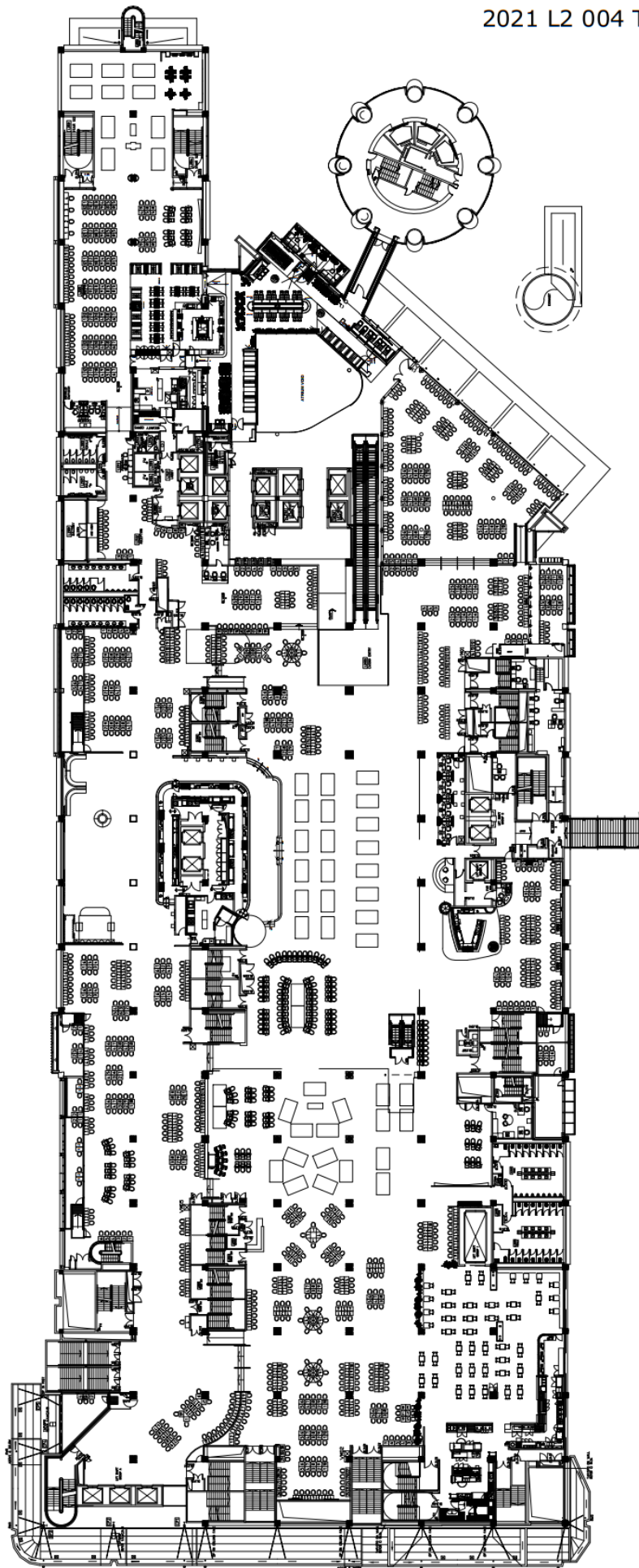


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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

23 September 2021





2021 L3 001 TEMP

