

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

**Date of Decision: 26 July 2022**

1. On 25 July 2022, SKYCITY Auckland Limited (“**SCAL**”) applied, pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence, for approval to broadcast gambling activity for the Auckland Casino by way of videos on the in-room TVs in its hotels.
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.

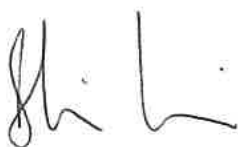
*Submissions*

3. SKYCITY submitted as follows:

- (a) Its Hotels team would like to play videos as a guide on the in-room TVs in its relevant hotels.
- (b) At least 95% of hotel users are adults, and children under 14 are not allowed to be unaccompanied in hotel rooms.
- (c) It seeks approval to broadcast these videos 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.
- (d) The Advertising Standards Authority's Gambling Code requires an advertiser to take care when evaluating the expected average audience composition prior to the placement of gambling advertisements to ensure that they are not targeted at children or young people. Children or young people should not constitute 25% or more of the expected audience.

*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 for the Auckland casino.



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

26 July 2022

