

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY DUNEDIN CASINOS MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW FLOOR
PLAN, AND BY DUNEDIN CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND
DESIGN CHANGES FOR THE GRAND CASINO DUNEDIN**

Date of Decision: 24 November 2022

1. On 16 November 2022, Dunedin Casinos Management Limited (“**DCML**”) applied, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a new floor plan, “Grand Casino Gaming Floor Plan November 2022”; and Dunedin Casinos Limited (“**DCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Grand Casino Dunedin.

2. Conditions 11 and 12 of SCML’s operator’s licence provide as follows:
 11. The Licence Holder shall operate in accordance with approved floor layouts showing the position of gaming tables and gaming machines.

 12. 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 DCL’s venue licence provide as follows:
 6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
 - (a) construction or design changes to Level 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 Level 1 of the Casino Venue, (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 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 Level 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 of the Act.

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.

8. DCML and DCL submitted as follows:

- (a) They want to make the Casino more user friendly and create more space for customers. To facilitate this change, they want to make the following changes:
 - remove three existing walls (which were installed when the Casino was permitted a smokers' room);
 - construct a temporary bar in the same position as was approved in delegated approval 1325;
 - remove 30 EGMs and two gaming tables from the gaming floor.
- (b) If approved, the temporary bar will consist of several trestle tables, a small commercial refrigeration unit and an EFTPOS machine for debit card charge only. No cash will be available. There will be no beer taps or other plumbing of any kind, and nothing will be attached to walls or floors. In addition, one wheeled-storage unit may be utilised to store bottled beer, glassware, etc. The bar is "temporary" in that its construction is temporary (comprising trestle tables etc which can easily be erected and dismantled), rather than being erected for a defined period.
- (c) The smokers' room currently houses one gaming table and a Jackpot controller unit. The gaming table will be one of the two tables being removed from the gaming floor, while the Jackpot controller unit will be relocated to a secure area under camera coverage.
- (d) There will be no need to make any adjustments to the CCTV layout to accommodate the new floor plan – they will remain fully compliant with the Surveillance Standard.

- (e) At no stage will the ratio exceed 15 EGMs to one gaming table.
9. The proposed floor plan raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, plan “Grand Casino Gaming Floor Plan November 2022” (**attached**) is approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 11 and 12 of DCML’s operator’s licence for the Dunedin Casino.
10. Once DCML is reliant upon “Grand Casino Gaming Floor November 2022”, plan “Grand Casino Gaming Floor Plan October 2022” will cease to have effect.
11. 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 are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of DCL’s venue licence.



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