

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

Date of Decision: 19 February 2024

1. On 15 February 2024, SKYCITY Auckland Limited (“**SCAL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Auckland Casino.
2. 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

3. SCAL submitted as follows:

- (a) On 20 December 2023, it sought approval to install a glass balustrade on level 2 of the MGF. This was approved under delegated approval 1450.
- (b) Since this approval was granted, changes to the layout of the balustrade have been proposed. The new layout has the balustrade extending past the lift doors on level 2, with the intention of future proofing, should it wish to install an ATM behind the barrier at some future point in time. The balustrade will be clear glass, with frosted panels in the potential ATM location.
- (c) If an ATM is placed behind the screen, it will be located outside of the Gambling Area and notification to the Commission will be made in accordance with condition 17 of SCML's operator's licence in respect of Auckland Casino. The ATM would be enabled with facial recognition technology to assist in monitoring repeat withdrawals and multiple declined transactions.
- (d) The proposed works will have no adverse effect on the matters set out in condition 7 of its venue licence.

Decision

- 4. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes 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. The changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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