

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

Date of Decision: 28 February 2024

1. On 20 February 2024, SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied, pursuant to condition 11 of its operator’s licence for the Auckland casino, for approval of a new floor plan, “2024 L2 001”; and 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. 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 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

4. SCML and SCAL submitted as follows:

- (a) They want to make changes to the Hobson Street side of the MGF on level 2 of the casino.
- (b) They want to remove a temporary wall and associated wind lobby to a currently unused balcony, as follows:
 - remove a temporary wall and adjacent glass doors;
 - remove glass panels above the existing temporary wall;
 - install film to cover the windows and door to the balcony.
- (c) The construction works are expected to take one to two days, followed by a further day to install gaming bases and EGMs. Should the proposal be approved, the changes are intended to be completed shortly afterwards.
- (d) The gambling area remains unchanged.
- (e) If approved, following completion of the works, they want to implement proposed new floor plan "2024 L2 001". This plan will:
 - install 6 EGMs in one location;
 - remove one EGM from another, and reconfigure the remaining six EGMs into two banks of three.
- (f) At all times the number of EGMs and gaming tables will comply with the requirements of its licence conditions and similarly the mix of games will comply with approved game mixes.

- (g) Changes to the CCTV layout will be implemented to ensure compliance with the Surveillance Standard.

Decision

5. 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.
6. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed floor plan raised no issues of regulatory concern. Accordingly, plan "2024 L2 001" (**attached**) is 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. Once SCML is reliant on plan "2024 L2 001", plan "2023 L2 006" will cease to be valid.



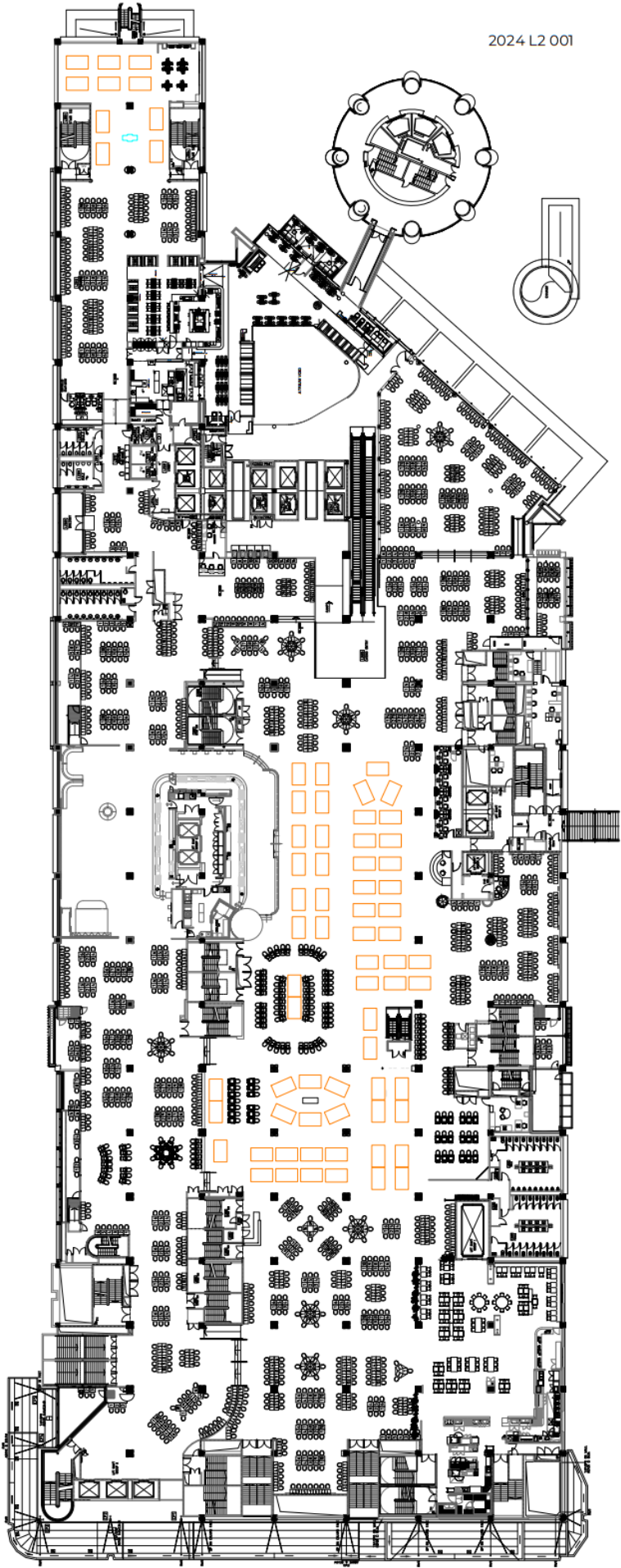
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