

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN  
APPLICATION BY DUNEDIN CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND  
DESIGN CHANGES FOR THE DUNEDIN CASINO**

**Date of Decision: 30 September 2024**

1. On 27 September 2024, Dunedin Casinos Limited (“**DCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Dunedin Casino.

2. 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. DCL submitted as follows:

(a) It wants to make a change to coincide with the casino's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations for the weekend of 4 October 2024; namely to install a temporary bar in the table games area of the casino (in the same location as has been approved previously). The 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. If approved, it will remove the temporary bar after this weekend and will revert to its regular layout from 7 October 2024.

9. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design 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 DCL's venue licence. The temporary bar may be deployed from 4-6 October 2024.



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

30 September 2024

