

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

Date of Decision: 25 October 2024

1. On 25 October 2024, SkyCity Auckland Limited (“**SCAL**”) applied, pursuant to condition 6 of its venue licence, for approval to broadcast video footage at its AGM on Thursday 31 October 2024. The footage includes gambling activity from the Auckland and Adelaide casinos. Approval is sought to broadcast three videos.
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. SCAL submitted as follows:
- (a) It wants to broadcast video footage which includes gambling activity from the Auckland and Adelaide casinos. Only its Auckland licence requires the Commission's approval for the broadcasting of gambling activity, but given the broadness of the condition, it seeks permission for the broadcast of all gambling activity contained in the videos.
 - (b) The AGM will be held in the SkyCity Theatre and also broadcast online. The primary audience is SkyCity's investors and market participants/analysts. Following the meeting the videos (with the exception of Carded Play) will be available on SkyCity's corporate website.
 - (c) These videos are subject to final edits, but no additional gambling activity will be included.
 - (a) It seeks approval to broadcast three 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.

Decision

4. SCAL's proposal to broadcast three videos which include gambling activity 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.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

25 October 2024

