

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

Date of Decision: 19 March 2025

1. On 12 March 2025, SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 11 and 12 of its operator’s licence for the Hamilton casino, for approval of a new floor plan, “HAM 2025 001”; and SKYCITY Hamilton Limited (“**SHL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Hamilton Casino. SkyCity wants to construct an internal wall at the casino’s main entrance.
2. Conditions 11 and 12 of SCML’s operator’s licence for the Hamilton casino 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 the approval of the Commission 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 the consideration of the Commission. Any changes 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 SHL’s venue licence for the Hamilton casino provide as follows:
 6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
 - (a) construction or design changes to Levels B1 and 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 Levels B1 and 1 of the Casino Venue (6(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 Levels B1 and 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.

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. SCAL submitted as follows:

- (a) It wants to install an internal wall at the main entrance to the Hamilton casino to create an area for loyalty programme/account-based sign up kiosks.
- (b) The wall will be 2 metres high and 3 metres long, and made out of timber with a steel corner bracing at one end, a black melteca finish and timber capping finish.
- (c) Should the wall be approved, it intends to commence work towards the end of March 2025 and completion is expected to take three weeks.
- (d) The proposal will have no impact on the existing footprint of the Gambling Areas and will have no adverse effect on the matters set out in condition 7 of its venue licence.

5. SCML submitted as follows:

- (a) To accommodate the proposed construction and design changes, it wants to remove 6 EGMs from the affected area, with 3 EGMs being redeployed back following completion of the works, and 3 EGMs relocated elsewhere on the MGF.
- (b) Non-gaming kiosks will be installed in May 2025, for which Commission approval is not required.
- (c) At all times, the number of EGMs and gaming tables will comply with the requirements of its licence conditions.

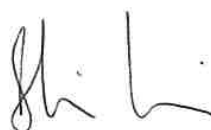
6. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns in relation to the changes proposed by SCML and SHL.

Decision

7. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern. Accordingly, plan "HAM 2025 001" (**attached**) is approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to conditions 11 and 12 of SCML's operator's licence for the Hamilton casino.
8. Once SCML is reliant on plan "HAM 2025 001", plan "HAM 2024 001" will cease to be valid.
9. 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 SHL's venue licence.



Susan Hughes
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission



Blair Cairncross
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Gambling Commission

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