

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

Date of Decision: 1 May 2025

1. On 17 April 2025, Queenstown Casinos Limited (“**QCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to level 2 of the casino, and SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence for the Queenstown casino, for approval of a new floor plan, “2025 001 QTN” for the Queenstown casino.
2. Conditions 6 and 7 of QCL’s venue licence for the Queenstown casino provide as follows:

6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
 - (a) construction or design changes to Level 2 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 2 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 Level 2 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.

3. Condition 12 SCML's operator's licence for the Queenstown casino provides as follows:

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.

Submissions

4. QCL submitted as follows:

- (a) It wants to use a decorative, movable screen to cover the back of the EGMs it wants to move under its application for proposed new floor plan 2025 001 QTN, in particular a bank of 5 EGMs.
- (b) It has noted the position of four new carded play sign up kiosks on the plan, but understands that it is not required to seek approval for these.

5. SCML submitted as follows:

- (a) It is currently reliant on plan 2023 001 QTN and seeks approval for plan 2025 001 QTN.
- (b) Subject to the approval of the above construction and design change, it wants to make the following changes, as follows:
- relocate 15 EGMs from the VIP room to the MGF;
 - reposition 1 gaming table.
- (c) At all times the number of machines and tables will comply with the requirements of our licence conditions. Any necessary adjustments to camera positions to ensure compliance with the Surveillance Standard will be undertaken in conjunction with the repositioning of the table games and EGMs.

Decision

6. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design change would not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design change proposed is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of QCL's venue licence. QCL submitted that approval to install the carded play kiosks was not required, but the Commission disagrees because their installation constitutes a construction and design change. However the installation of the

kiosks raises no issues of regulatory concern and is approved pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of QCL's venue licence. The kiosks are to be located in the positions indicated on the plans submitted to the Commission.

7. The floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, plan 2025 001 QTN (**attached**) is approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority, pursuant to condition 12 of SCML's operator's licence for the Queenstown casino.
8. Once SCML is reliant on plan "2025 001 QTN", plan "2023 001 QTN" will cease to be valid.



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