

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

Date of Decision: 1 May 2025

1. On 17 April 2025, SkyCity Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied, pursuant to condition 11 of its operator’s licence for the Auckland casino, for approval of floor plans, “2025 L2 002” and “2025 L5 002”; 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. The approvals are sought to facilitate the introduction of account based play (**ABP**) kiosks 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. SCAL is seeking approval for construction and design changes. As part of the roll out for ABP, it wants to install registration kiosks near the main entrance on Level 2 of the MGF.
5. To ensure patrons have visibility of where the kiosks are located, it wants to replace the current partial height wall with glass panels. The work is expected to be carried out in the last week of May and take four days.
6. While the work is being carried out, seven EGMs currently against the wall will be taken off the floor and a temporary hoarding will be erected around the affected area.
7. It has noted the indicative position of new ABP sign up kiosks on the plan for information purposes however it understands that it is not required to seek approval for these.
8. The proposed construction and design changes will have no adverse impact on the matters specified in condition 7.
9. In relation to the proposed new floor plans, SCML submitted as follows:
 - (a) Previously approved plan 2025 L2 001 will not be deployed and can cease to be valid.
 - (b) It wants to make changes to the placement of gaming product on Level 2 as follows:
 - Remove Substitute Table designation from all tables

- Remove 2 x tables
 - Remove 33 EGMs
- (c) If approved, the changes are intended to be completed by early June 2025.
- (d) It has removed the substitute table (ST) designation from the tables on the MGF as it intends moving to one of the game mixes in the recently approved Annex C. A separate notification relating to this will be provided closer to the time.
- (e) As a consequence of removing the ST designation from the tables on Level 2, it wants to update the Level 5 plan to remove the corresponding ST designations. There is no change to product placement on Level 5.
- (f) If approved, it intends to move to plan 2025 L5 002 on completion of the works on Level 2.
- (g) At all times, the number of EGMs and gaming tables (including Substitute Tables) will comply with the requirements of its licence conditions. Similarly the mix of games will comply with approved game mixes.
- (h) Changes to the CCTV layout will be implemented to ensure compliance with the Surveillance Standard.
10. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns in relation to the changes proposed by SCML and SCAL.


Decision

11. 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. SCAL submitted that approval to install the ABP kiosks was not required, but the Commission disagrees because their installation constitutes a construction and design change. However the installation of the ABP kiosks raises no issues of regulatory concern and are approved pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL's venue licence. The ABP kiosks are to be located in the positions indicated on the plans submitted to the Commission.
12. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed floor plans raised no issues of regulatory concern. Accordingly, plans "2025 L2 002" and "2025 L5 002" (**attached**) are 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.
13. Once SCML is reliant on plan "2025 L2 002", plan "2025 L2 TEMP B" will cease to be valid.

- 14. Once SCML is reliant on plan "2025 L5 002", plan "2025 L5 001" will cease to be valid.
- 15. Plan 2025 L2 001 ceases to be valid immediately as it is no longer required.



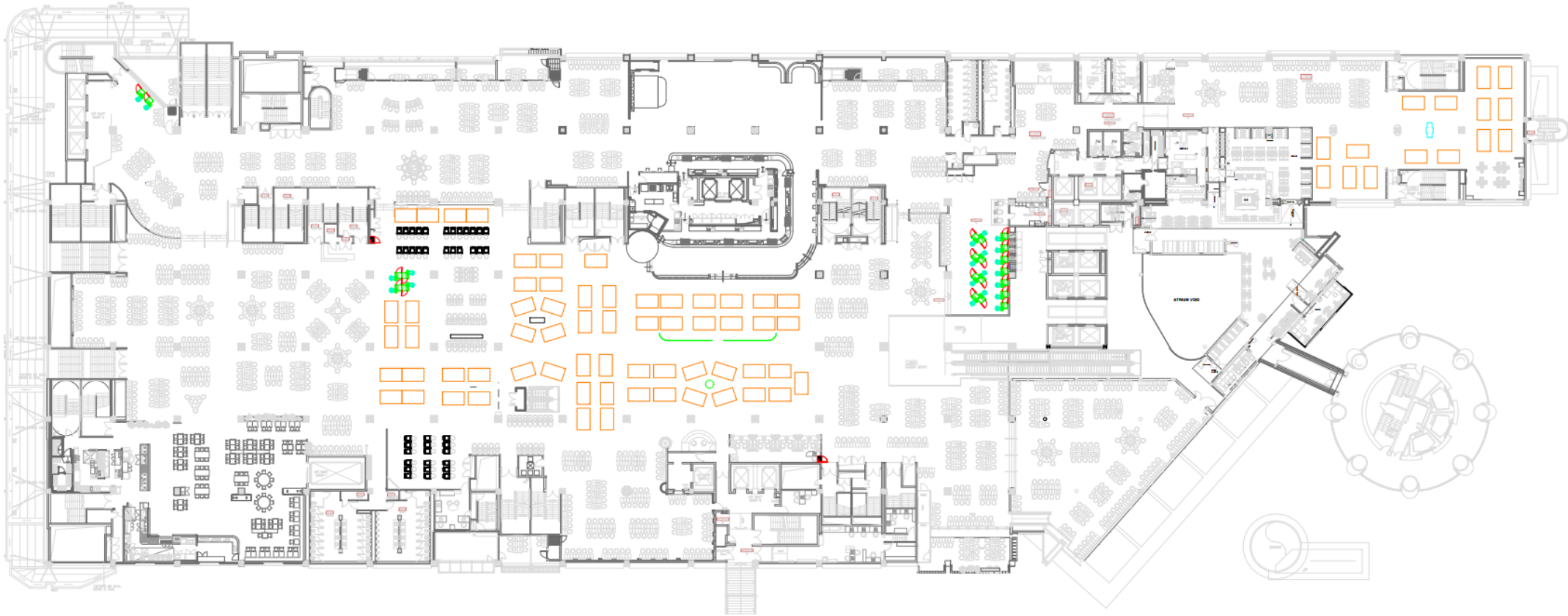
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