

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

**Date of Decision: 27 August 2025**

1. On 22 August 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 two new floor plans, “HAM 2025 005” and “HAM 2025 006”; 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.

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*

#### *Construction and design changes*

4. SHL sought approval for construction and design changes. It wants to make changes to the access point to the existing external smoking balcony and to widen the outside area, including:
- removing one of the two current wind lobbies;
  - installing a new smaller wind lobby adjacent to the exterior wall;
  - installing a plinth on the balcony;
  - replacing the window joinery;
  - installing new pendant lighting;
  - installing new flooring transitions to accommodate the new layout; and
  - reducing pillar covering in the balcony area.
5. It wants to install hoarding while the works are being carried out.
6. It anticipates commencing work in September 2025, which will take approximately 15 weeks to complete.
7. Additionally, approval was granted under delegated approval 1629 to relocate a decorative screen from the VIP room to the Baccarat area. This relocation has not been taken place and there is currently no plan to move the screen. Should it wish to move the screen in the future, it will seek fresh approval.

*Floor plans*

8. In relation to the new floor plans “HAM 2025 005” and “HAM 2025 006”, SCML submitted as follows:
- (a) it wants to transition to an intermediate plan “HAM 2025 005” while the works are being carried out, and make the following changes:
- install 12 EGMs;
  - remove 16 EGMs;
  - remove 3 terminals and install 4 EGMs.
- (b) it also seeks approval of a final layout plan “HAM 2025 006” and make the following changes:
- install 21 EGMs
  - remove 18 EGMs
  - remove 3 EGMs and reconfigure into 2 banks of 3.
- (c) If approved, it will transition to plan “HAM 2025 006” following completion of the works in December 2025.
9. Planter boxes will continue to be positioned in the balcony area to ensure that gambling will not be visible from outside the casino venue.
10. The proposed changes will have no impact on the existing footprint of the Gambling Areas.
11. At all times, the number of EGMs and gaming tables will comply with the requirements of its licence conditions.
12. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns in relation to the changes proposed.

*Decision*

13. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed floor plans raised no issues of regulatory concern. Accordingly, plans “HAM 2025 005” and “HAM 2025 006” (**attached**) are 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.
14. Once SCML is reliant on plan “HAM 2025 005”, plan “HAM 2025 004” will cease to be valid.
15. Once SCML is reliant on plan “HAM 2025 006”, plan “HAM 2025 005” will cease to be valid.
16. 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. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.



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**Susan Hughes**  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission

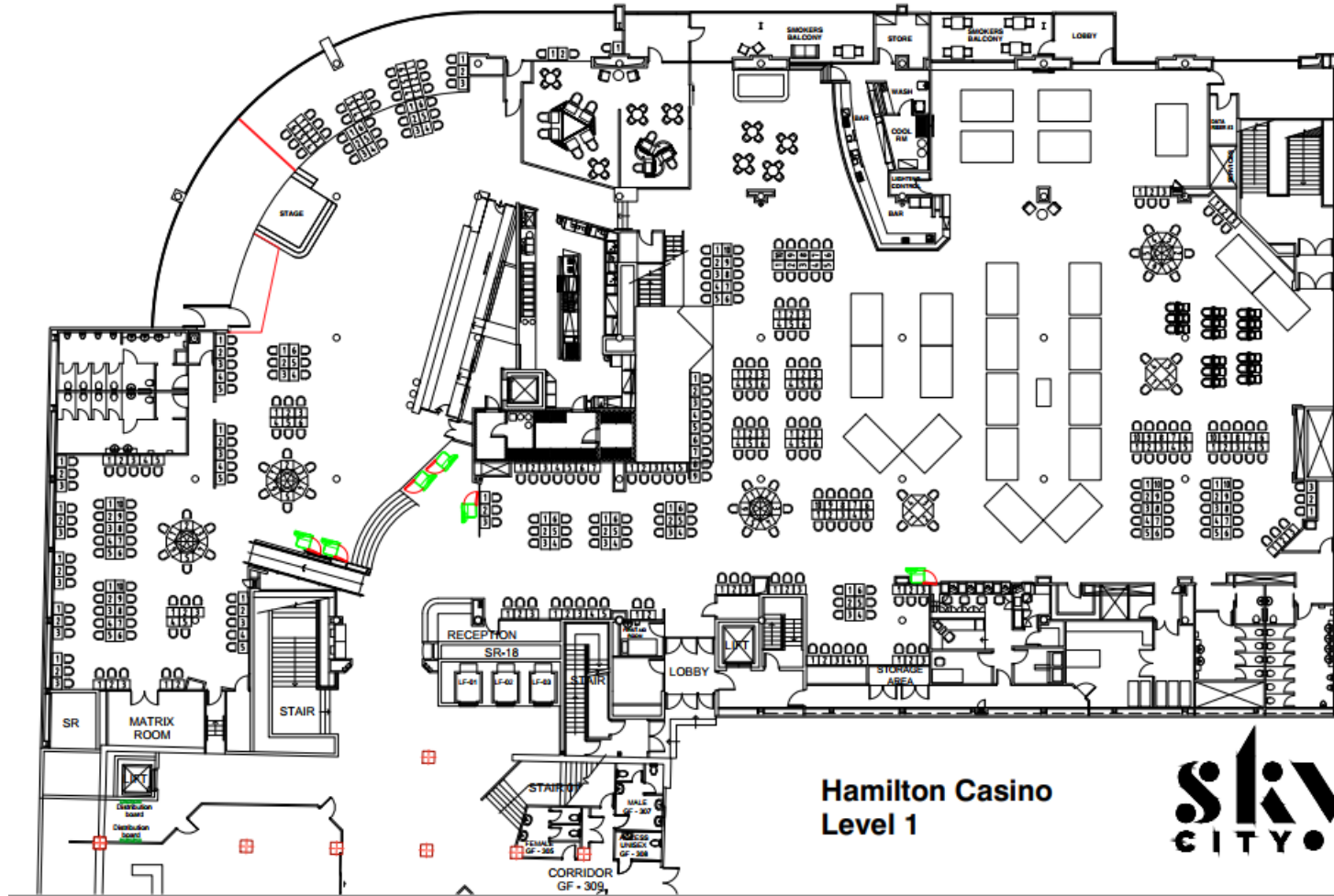


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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

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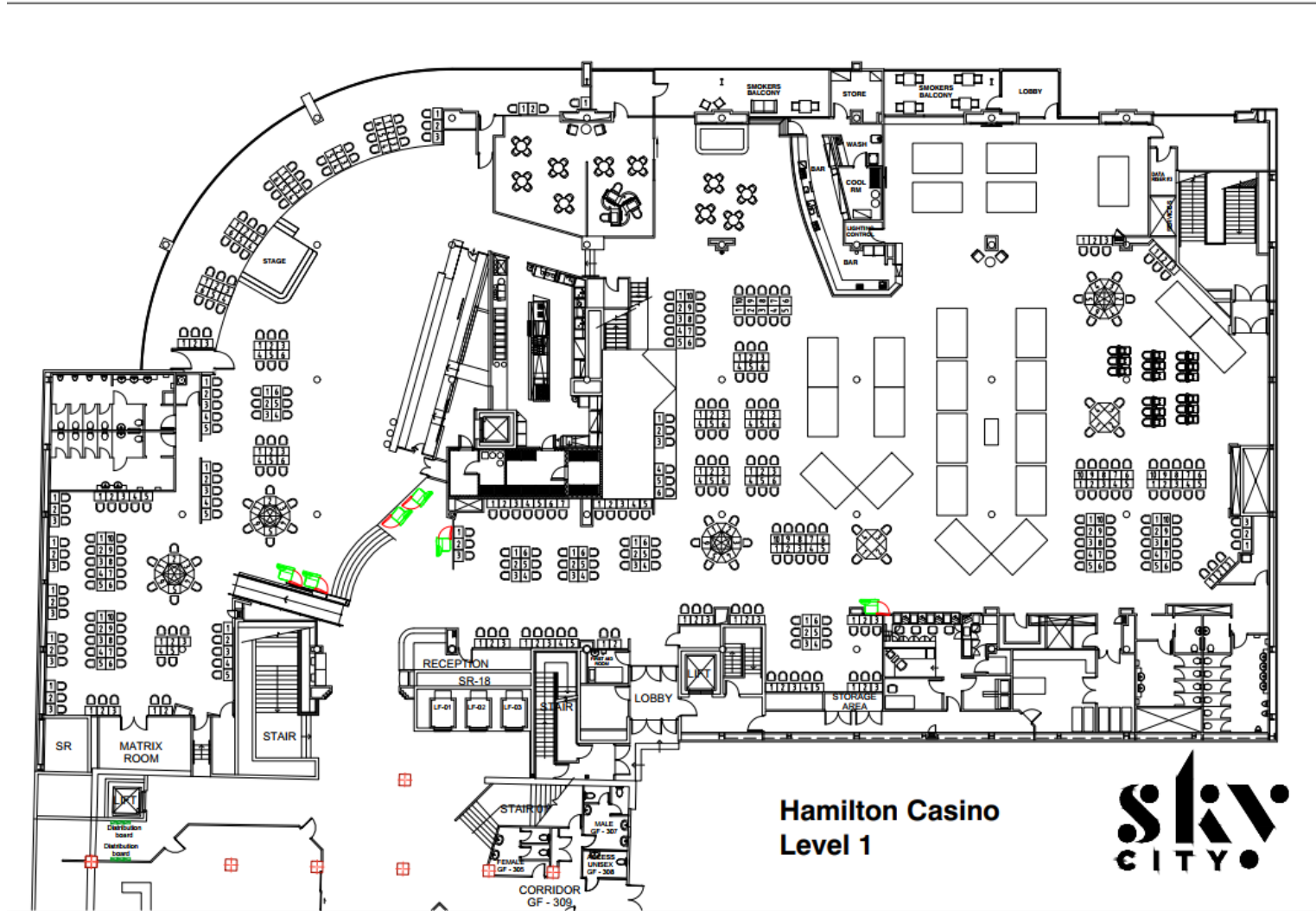




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Level 1



HAM2025 006



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