

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

Date of Decision: 13 March 2018

1. On 12 March 2018, SKYCITY Auckland Limited ("**SCAL**") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 8 of its venue licence, for approval to broadcast gambling activity from the Auckland casino. The application effectively represented an application to vary an approval provided by the Commission earlier in the day on 12 March 2018.
2. Conditions 6 and 8 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;
    - (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 initiative(s) must otherwise be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

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8. The Licence Holder shall ensure that:

- (a) gambling activity is not visible from outside the Casino Venue unless approved by the Commission pursuant to condition 6(e); and
- (b) there is provision for generation of emergency power to maintain in situations of an interruption to mains power:
  - (i) minimum services to the Gambling Area; and
  - (ii) lighting in highly sensitive areas such as count rooms, surveillance suite, cashiering locations and gambling equipment storerooms.

#### *Submissions*

3. SCAL submitted as follows:

- (a) On 12 March 2018, the Commission provided approval for it to broadcast the WPT New Zealand tournament. The broadcast activity was limited to Sky TV and live streaming on the WPT New Zealand Facebook page, as specified at paragraph 4 of that approval.
- (b) The event will not be screened on Sky TV and the tournament will be screened on social media channels additional to Facebook; it will be broadcast on the WPT website, You Tube and the Pukemi website (as well as Facebook).

#### *Decision*

4. SCAL's proposal will have no potentially adverse effects and is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 8 of SCAL's venue licence on the following conditions:

- (a) The permitted broadcast activity is limited to the live streaming of play during the final day of play on the WPT New Zealand Facebook page, the WPT website, You Tube and the Pukemi website.
- (b) The broadcasts may show no New Zealand casino gambling activity, other than WPT play at the WPT New Zealand event in 2018.
- (c) The permitted period of broadcast is limited to the period of the WPT New Zealand, namely 25 May to 4 June 2018.
- (d) The broadcast of WPT New Zealand play is limited to the final on 4 June 2018 and highlights only of play from the qualifying events on the other days of the WPT New Zealand.

5. The related approval dated 12 March 2018 is revoked.



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

13 March 2018

