

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGES TO THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

Date of Decision: 13 July 2018

1. On 9 July 2018, SKYCITY Auckland Limited ("SCAL") applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to level 3 of the casino.
2. Conditions 6 and 7 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.

7. 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

3. SCAL submitted as follows:

- (a) It wants to extend the existing Fortuna Restaurant into part of the current Platinum Room. To facilitate the extension, the following alterations will be required:
- install a glass wall;
 - convert the existing Platinum Room Reception into a new Fortuna Reception Desk;
 - construct a new Platinum Room Reception area;
 - install swipe access doors to the Platinum Room;
 - remove an existing wall; and
 - remove a section of wall from an existing wall.
- (b) As a consequence of the proposed design and construction changes, the designated Gambling Area will need to be amended and new floor plans depicting gaming produce placement will need to be submitted.
- (c) The project is scheduled to commence on 27 August 2018 and expected to take approximately four weeks to complete.
- (d) Subject to the Commission's approval of the proposed construction and design changes, it intends to submit an application to amend the designated Gambling Area for consideration at the Commission's meeting on 7 September 2018.
- (e) In addition, once the placement of the gaming product has been finalised, it will submit new floor plans for consideration to the Commission.
- (f) The changes will have no adverse effect on the matters set out in condition 7.

Decision

4. The Commission was satisfied that the proposal would not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes proposed are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of SCAL's venue licence. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.

Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission

13 July 2018



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission