

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

Date of Decision:  May 2019

1. On 29 April 2019, SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied, pursuant to condition 11 of its operator's licence for the Auckland casino, for approval of four new floor plans, 2019 L2 003 (Poker), 2019 L3 003 (Poker), 2019 L2 004 and 2019 L3 004.
2. Condition 11 provide 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. SCML submitted:
 - (a) It wants to make temporary changes to the placement of gaming product on levels 2 and 3 in order to accommodate a poker tournament being held at the Auckland casino from 20 May to 2 June 2019.
 - (b) Following the poker tournament it wants to implement new floor plans 2019 L2 004 and 2019 L3 004.
 - (c) In relation to the poker tournament, the proposed changes are as follows:

Level 2 – 2019 L2 003 (Poker)

 - Remove 130 x EGMs
 - Install 15 x tables
 - Allocate 5 x tables as Substitute Tables
 - Remove 3 x EGMs at the Theatre end smoking balcony
 - Remove 1 EGM from the MGF
 - Install 2 x ATGs

Level 3 – 2019 L3 003 (Poker)

 - Denote 6 x tables as Substitute Tables
 - (d) Once the poker tournament has ended it wants to make the following changes and implement the following plans:

Level 2 – 2019 L2 004

- Remove Substitute Tables allocations
- Remove 7 x tables
- Install 11 x FATGs
- Install 55 EGMs and reconfigure existing machines

Level 3 – 2019 L3 004

- Remove Substitute Tables allocations
- Remove 10 x tables

- (e) 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. Changes to the CCTV layout will be implemented to ensure compliance with the Surveillance Standard.
4. The proposal raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly plans 2019 L2 003 (Poker), 2019 L3 003 (Poker), 2019 L2 004 and 2019 L3 004 (**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.
 5. Once SCML is reliant on plan 2019 L2 003 (Poker), plan 2019 L2 002 Final A will cease to be valid.
 6. Once SCML is reliant on plan 2019 L3 003 (Poker), plan 2019 L3 002 will cease to be valid.
 7. Once SCML is reliant on plan 2019 L2 004, plan 2019 L2 003 (Poker) will cease to be valid.
 8. Once SCML is reliant on plan 2019 L3 004, plan 2019 L3 003 (Poker) will cease to be valid.

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Gambling Commission

Blair Cairncross
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Gambling Commission

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