

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND of applications by **SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED** and **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval of design changes to the main Action station, and for additional cash-dispensing EFTPOS terminals

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members Present: P Chin (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
K M Ford
M M Lythe
P J Stanley
G L Reeves

Date of Application: 6 November 2007

Date of Decision: 14 December 2007

Date of Notification
of Decision: 20 December 2007

DECISION

**ON APPLICATIONS BY SKYCITY AUCKLAND LIMITED AND
SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF DESIGN CHANGES TO
THE MAIN ACTION STATION, AND FOR ADDITIONAL CASH-DISPENSING EFTPOS
TERMINALS**

Applications

1. SKYCITY Auckland Limited ("**SCAL**") and SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied to the Gambling Commission (the "**Commission**") for a range of approvals, as follows:

(a) Approval, under condition 6 of SCAL's venue licence, for design and construction changes to the main Action station;

(b) Approval, under condition 13 of SCAL's venue licence and condition 22 of SCML's operator's licence, for the construction of cashiering facilities at the main Action station; and

(c) Approval, under condition 13 of SCML's operator's licence, to dispense cash from two cash dispensing EFTPOS terminals at the main Action station.

Licence conditions

2. The relevant licence conditions are as follows:

SCAL venue licence

6. The Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:
- (a) construction or design changes to Levels 2 and 3, including the Gambling Area but excluding the SKYCITY Theatre and foyer area, restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area, 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 the exterior of the Casino Venue.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Levels 2 and 3, including the Gambling Area (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b) and (c).

7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design of Levels 2 and 3, including the Gambling Area but excluding SKYCITY Theatre and foyer area, restaurant and bar areas outside the Gambling Area, 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.

13. The approval of the Commission is required for the construction and relocation of cashiering facilities additional to the principal facility in other parts of the Gambling Area or casino venue. Any such additional facilities must comply with the surveillance equipment requirements set out in the Surveillance Standard and be fitted with manually triggered and automatic silent alarm systems connected to the surveillance department.

SCML operator's licence

13. The Licence Holder is prohibited from dispensing cash from EFTPOS and like devices in the Gambling Area unless approved by the Commission. The approval of the Commission shall be revocable at the discretion of the

Commission and may be subject to such conditions as the Commission may from time to time impose.

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Submissions by the Applicants

3. The Applicants stated that they want to:
- (a) renovate the main Action station on the main gaming floor of the casino to provide additional storage space and a back of house office area for staff; and
 - (b) introduce cashiering facilities at two of the five positions at the main Action station.
4. The Applicants submitted that:
- (a) The redesigned main Action station will have no impact on:
 - (i) the integrity and fairness of games;
 - (ii) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;
 - (iii) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;
 - (iv) potential access to the gambling area by minors; and
 - (v) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11;
 - (b) The ability to offer both cashiering and action functions from the main Action station will enhance customer service;
 - (c) The Commission has previously granted approval for it to operate 22 cash dispensing EFTPOS terminals within the gambling area. It currently operates 20 cash dispensing terminals. Approval to operate two terminals from the main Action station will bring the total number to 22, level with the previous approval granted;
 - (d) The main Action station will be fitted with manually triggered and silent alarm systems connected to the Surveillance Department, and will comply with requirements of the Surveillance Standard.

Submissions by the Secretary

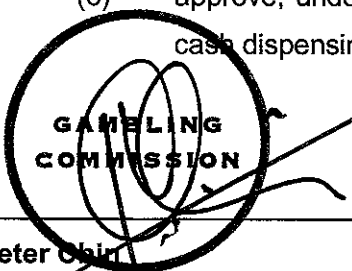
5. The Secretary had no objection to the Applicants' proposals.

Analysis

6. As part of its ongoing refurbishment of the Auckland casino, the Applicants sought approval to alter the main Action station. The altered facility will have additional storage space and a back of house area for staff. The design raises no issues of regulatory concern.
7. The Applicants also want the main Action station to have cashiering functionality, and applied to install two cash dispensing EFTPOS terminals. The Commission noted that the number of cash dispensing EFTPOS terminals would increase from 20 to 22, but did not consider that this would increase the risk of harm, given that it has previously approved the use of 22 terminals.

Decision

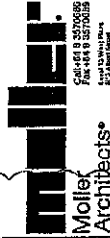
8. The Commission decided to:
- (a) approve, under condition 6 of SCAL's venue licence, the design changes to the main Action station;
 - (b) approve, under condition 13 of SCAL's venue licence and condition 22 of SCML's operator's licence, the construction of cashiering facilities at the main Action station. Construction is to be generally in accordance with the plans **attached** to this decision;
 - (c) approve, under condition 13 of SCML's operator's licence, the installation of two cash dispensing EFTPOS terminals in the main Action station.


**GAMBLING
 COMMISSION**

Peter Chin
 Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
 Gambling Commission

20 December 2007



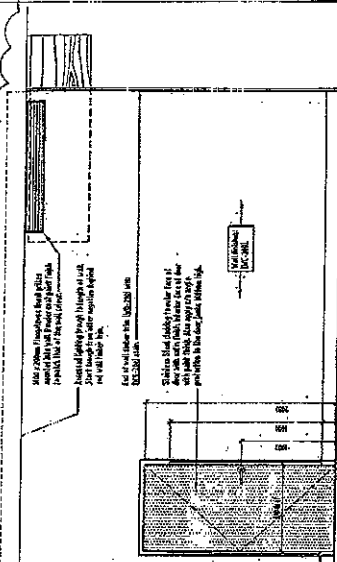
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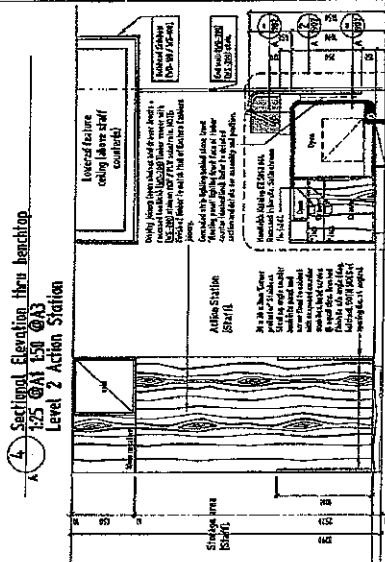
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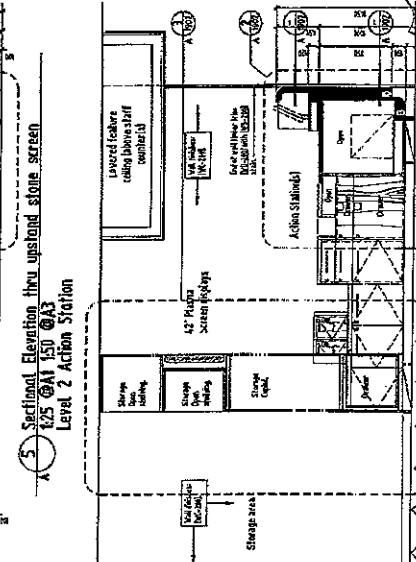
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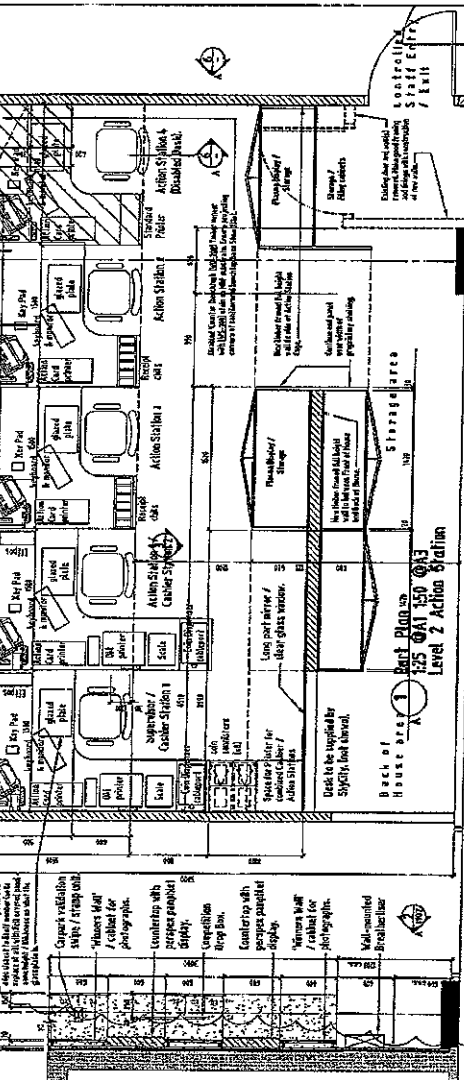
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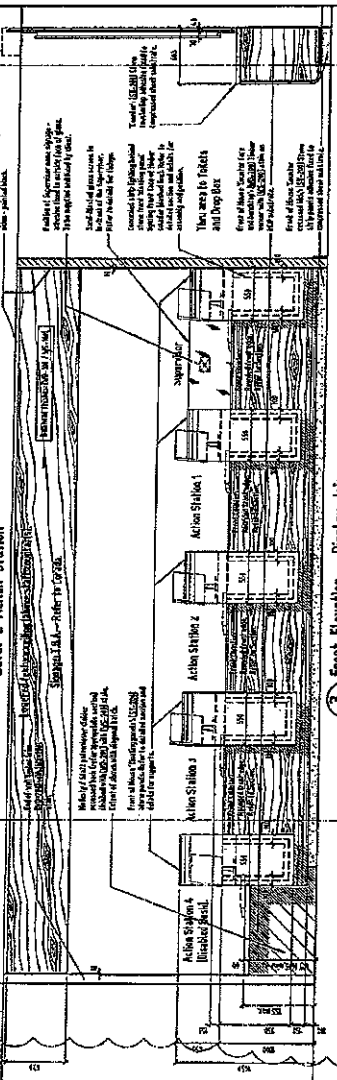
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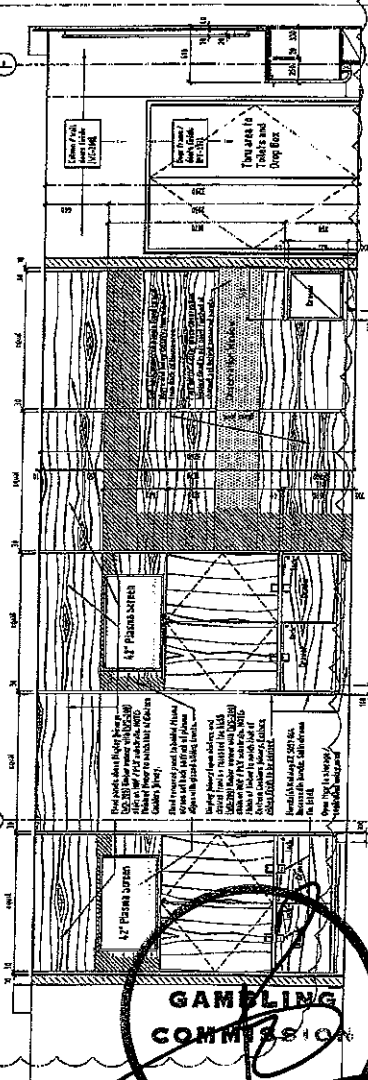
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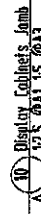
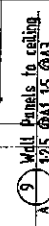
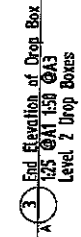
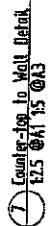
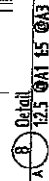
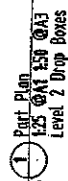
9 Front Elevation - Patron Side
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10 Front Elevation - Display Joentry
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