

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND of an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED**
for approval to deploy a new
electronic enhancement at the
Auckland, Hamilton and
Queenstown casinos

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
L M Hansen
W N Harvey
S C L Pearson

Date of Application: 11 January 2019

Date of Decision: 15 February 2019

Date of Notification
of Decision:  February 2019

**DECISION ON AN
APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL TO DEPLOY A NEW ELECTRONIC ENHANCEMENT AT THE AUCKLAND,
HAMILTON AND QUEENSTOWN CASINOS**

Application

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("**SCML**") applied to the Commission, under condition 10 of SCML's operator's licences for the Auckland, Hamilton and Queenstown casinos, for approval to deploy a new roulette wheel on its roulette tables at the Auckland, Hamilton and Queenstown casinos.

Licence conditions

2. The relevant licence conditions are as follows:

SCML's operator's licence (Auckland, Hamilton and Queenstown casinos)

10. The approval of the Commission is required prior to the use by the operator of any electronic version of the game types specified in condition 9 above or electronic aids or enhancements or changes to table game rules which create new wagering opportunities.

Submissions by SCML

3. SCML submitted, in summary, as follows:
 - (a) It wants to equip its roulette tables at the Auckland casino, and potentially those at the Hamilton and Queenstown casinos, with the latest in roulette wheel game protection.
 - (b) The Department of Internal Affairs has approved the Cammegh Random Rotor Speed roulette wheel, which provides a new layer of security by increasing the roulette wheel's unpredictability. The new wheel has no bearing on the number of revolutions the spinning ball will complete. As such, it has no bearing on game output or casino gambling opportunities.

Submissions by the Secretary

4. The Secretary submitted that he has no regulatory concerns with SCML's proposal.

Analysis

5. SCML wants to install a new roulette wheel at the Auckland casino, and possibly also at the Hamilton and Queenstown casinos, in order to provide an additional layer of protection on its roulette tables.
6. SCML's proposal raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. The new wheel will not affect the speed of the roulette games, so its introduction will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, and the Secretary approved the integrity of the new wheel prior to SCML seeking the Commission's approval to deploy it.

Decision

7. The Commission approved, under condition 10 of SCML's operator's licences for the Auckland, Hamilton and Queenstown casinos, SCML's application for approval to deploy the Cammegh Random Rotor Speed roulette wheel on its roulette tables.

Right of appeal

8. Pursuant to section 235 of the Act, a person affected by this decision may appeal that decision to the High Court. An appeal must be made within 15 working days of the date of notice of the Commission's decision, or any longer period that the High Court may allow.



Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

20 February 2019

