

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003


AND on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval to install new non-cash dispensing mobile scanners at the Auckland Casino

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
R D Bell
D C Matahaere-Atariki
W N Harvey

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Date of Notification
of Decision:  February 2018

**DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL TO INSTALL NEW NON-CASH DISPENSING MOBILE SCANNERS
AT THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

Introduction

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited ("SCML") applied to the Commission for approval, under condition 14 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino, to introduce three new non-cash dispensing mobile scanners at the Auckland casino.
2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

SCML's operator's licence (Auckland)

14. The Licence Holder is prohibited from using mobile EFTPOS terminals (cash or non-cash dispensing) or 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.

Submissions by SCML

3. SCML submitted, in summary, that:
 - (a) In decision GC22/17, the Commission approved the introduction of 15 non-cash dispensing mobile scanners into the Auckland casino. These scanners are used only in specified food and beverage outlets, with conditions attached to their use.



- (b) Since that decision, it has identified two further food and beverage outlets (within the Gambling Area on level 3) that can make use of this technology. The areas in question, the Baccarat Room Bar and Poker Room Bar, were overlooked when its earlier application was made.
- (c) It seeks approval to allow customers in these areas to make transaction payments using this technology, and to deploy two scanners in the Baccarat Room Bar and one scanner to the Poker Room Bar. As with the decision GC22/17 approval, any payment transactions would be restricted to the specified outlets and only where the customer is present. This will ensure that customers cannot pay for their food and beverage with this technology while they continue to gamble.

The Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary submitted that this is an extension of the approval granted by the Commission in decision GC22/17 and any risk, as it may relate to gambling harm, can be mitigated by the extension of the restrictions contained in that approval. On this basis, he had no objection to the application.

Analysis

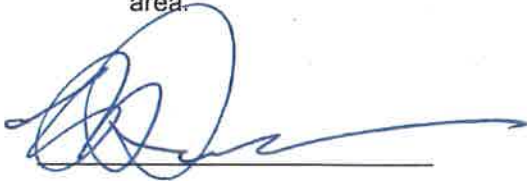
5. In decision GC22/17 the Commission approved the use of 15 non-cash dispensing mobile scanners in six food and beverage outlets at the Auckland Casino; five outlets on level 2 and one outlet on level 3. Approval was provided on condition that the scanners were to be used only in the areas specified, and for payment of food and beverage while the customer is physically present in that area.
6. SCML has now identified two additional food and beverage outlets in the Gambling Area on level 3, into which it wants to deploy a further three non-cash dispensing mobile scanners. These outlets were omitted from the earlier application.
7. The application raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. The conditions attached to the earlier application will apply to this approval.

Decision of the Commission

8. The Commission approves, pursuant to condition 14 of SCML's operator's licence for the Auckland casino, the introduction of three additional non-cash dispensing mobile scanners for use with mobile phone payment apps.



9. The scanners may be used only in the food and beverage outlets specified, as shown on the marked casino floor plan **attached**. The approved use is restricted to payment for food and beverages and while the customer is physically present in the defined outlet area.

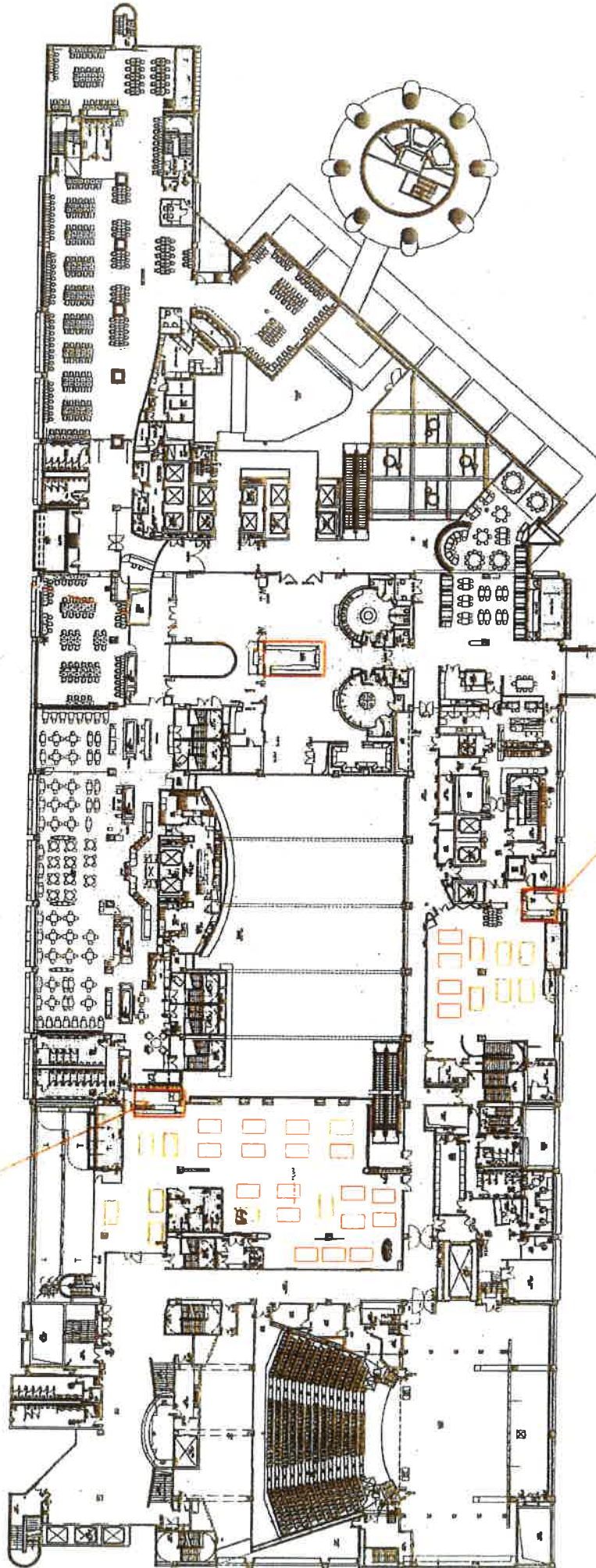


Graeme Reeves
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

19th February 2018





Baccarat Room

Poker Room

