

**IN THE MATTER** of the Gambling Act 2003

**AND** on an application by **SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** for approval to exceed the ratio of gaming machines to gaming tables at the Auckland casino

**BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION**

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)  
P J Stanley  
L M Hansen  
R D Bell

Date of Application: 12 September 2013

Date of Decision: 13 September 2013

Date of Notification  
of Decision: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY SKYCITY CASINO MANAGEMENT LIMITED  
FOR APPROVAL TO EXCEED THE RATIO OF GAMING MACHINES TO  
GAMING TABLES AT THE AUCKLAND CASINO**

**Introduction**

1. SKYCITY Casino Management Limited (“**SCML**”) applied to the Commission, under condition 7 of SCML’s operator’s licence for the Auckland casino, for approval to exceed the ratio of gaming machines to gaming tables at the Auckland casino from 17 September to 30 October 2013.
2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

**SCML’s operator’s licence (Auckland)**

7. The ratio of gaming machines to gaming tables in the Gambling Area, excluding the tables permitted by conditions 6A and 6B, shall not exceed 15 to 1, except with the approval of the Commission.

**Submissions by SCML**

3. SCML submitted, in summary, as follows:
  - (a) Under condition 7 of its operator’s licence, the ratio of gaming machines to gaming tables in the Gambling Area shall not exceed 15 to 1 except with the approval of the Gambling Commission.
  - (b) It is about to install escalators on the Main Gaming Floor up to the new Baccarat Room, and to accommodate this work, it needs to remove three gaming tables. In

order to satisfy the condition 7 ratio requirements, it can store these tables in another part of the Gambling Area, and not open them, but its preference is to remove them altogether on a temporary basis.

- (c) It seeks Commission approval to allow a ratio of 16 to 1 to facilitate the abovementioned building works. It would exceed the 15:1 ratio from 12 September 2013 to 30 October.

#### **The Secretary's submissions**

4. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns with the proposal.

#### **Analysis**

5. SCML sought Commission approval to exceed the ratio of gaming machines to gaming tables for the period 17 September 2013 to 30 October 2013. The application raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission – it is for a small and defined period of time, and is to allow SCML to undertake building works at the Auckland casino.

#### **Decision of the Commission**

6. The Commission approved, under condition 7 of its operator's licence, SCML's application for approval to exceed the 15:1 ratio of gaming machines to gaming tables at the Auckland casino from 17 September to 30 October 2013. The ratio may not exceed 16:1.

  
 Graeme Reeves  
 Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the  
 Gambling Commission

 September 2013

