

1. Wildlife Permit - Authorised Activity

- 1.1. All works relating to lizard fauna, including capture and relocation must occur in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan (Version 3.0) prepared by PDP dated 3 June 2026.
- 1.2. The wildlife approval is for the capture, handling, and release of Canterbury grass skinks (*Oligosoma* aff. *polychroma* 'Clade 4') and McCann's skinks (*Oligosoma maccanni*).
- 1.3. The incidental killing of Canterbury grass skinks (*Oligosoma* aff. *polychroma* 'Clade 4') and McCann's skinks (*Oligosoma maccanni*) is authorised, provided that best efforts are taken to avoid incidental deaths in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan.
- 1.4. The Department of Conservation Operations Manager for Mahaanui is to be contacted immediately (mahaanui@doc.govt.nz) for further advice if wildlife other than southern grass skinks or McCann's skinks are located within the footprint of the development or within the release site.
- 1.5. All actions set out in the habitat enhancement section of the Lizard Management Plan must be implemented to ensure adequate mitigation of effects has been achieved.
- 1.6. This wildlife approval is valid for 10 years from the date of approval.

2. Wildlife Permit - Lizard Capture and Handling

- 2.1. Lizards must only be handled by the project ecologist or under the direct supervision of the project ecologist. The project ecologist must be a suitably qualified expert. For the purposes of this condition, suitably qualified expert means the Department of Conservation Operations Manager, Maahanui, has confirmed in writing that the person has appropriate experience and credentials in handling lizards and overseeing lizard salvage operations
- 2.2. Lizard capture, handling and relocation must only be undertaken between 1 October and 30 April when lizards are most active.
- 2.3. Capture and handling of lizards must involve only techniques that minimise the risk of infection or injury to the animal.
- 2.4. Capture and handling methods must follow those described in the Herpetofauna inventory and monitoring toolbox <http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/biodiversity-inventory-and-monitoring/herpetofauna/>.
- 2.5. All live capture traps must be covered to protect lizards from exposure and minimise stress. Damp leaf litter or other material must be provided to reduce desiccation risk, and the bottom of the pit-fall trap must be perforated to allow drainage of water.
- 2.6. All live capture traps, (e.g. pitfall traps and G-minnow traps), must be checked at least once a day.

- 2.7. Any instruments that come in contact with lizards and/or are used to collect or measure lizards between each location must be sterilised. A separate holding bag must be used for each animal. All gear should be thoroughly cleaned and dried between sites.
- 2.8. Any captured lizards must be held individually in a suitable container (e.g. breathable cloth bag) and held out of direct sunlight to minimise the risk of overheating, stress and death.

3. Wildlife Permit – Death of wildlife associated with salvage activities

- 3.1. If any lizards should die during the approved activities of catch, transfer or liberate, the approval holder must:
 - (a) inform the Department of Conservation Operations Manager, Maahanui (mahaanui@doc.govt.nz) within 48 hours, chill the body if it can be delivered within 72 hours, or freeze the body if delivery will take longer than 72 hours; and
 - (b) for unexplained deaths, send the body to Massey University Wildlife Postmortem Service for necropsy OR as otherwise directed by the Department of Conservation Operations Manager, Maahanui, along with details of the animal's history; and
 - (c) pay for any costs incurred in investigation of the death of any lizard; and
 - (d) if required by the Department of Conservation Operations Manager, Maahanui, cease the Authorised Activity for a period determined by the manager.
- 3.2. If any lizards are found injured as part of the Authorised Activity, the approval holder must contact the project ecologist for advice on management of the lizard(s). The approval holder is authorised to euthanise injured lizard(s) on recommendation of the project ecologist or a veterinarian.

4. Wildlife Permit – Reporting

- 4.1. A report summarising the salvage and relocation results will be prepared and submitted to Waimakariri District Council, Canterbury Regional Council, Whitiora, Mahaanui Kurataiao and the Department of Conservation within 30 days from the completion date of the work (see the Lizard Management Plan attached at **Appendix 1**). Specifically, this report will include:
 - (e) Results of lizard salvage and relocation work. Should native lizards be found, then the following will also be included in the report:
 - i. Photos of lizard salvage methods utilised;
 - ii. Photos of lizards captured, including photos of the salvage and relocation areas;
 - iii. A map showing the location of the lizard upon capture and upon release;
 - iv. The species and number of any lizards detected, captured, and released, and

- v. The results of all surveys and monitoring.
 - (f) Descriptions of how lizard management activities outlined in the Lizard Management Plan were followed, including the conditions of the permit and associated resource consent conditions;
 - (g) An Amphibian and Reptile Distribution Scheme card detailing information relating to captured lizards (also to be provided to herpetofauna@doc.govt.nz); and
 - (h) A brief summary regarding the outcomes of the Lizard Management Plan, including any improvements/changes that should be implemented in future.
- 4.2. In accordance with the Lizard Management Plan, annual reports on the following activities must be provided:
- (a) Pest plant removal.
 - (b) Photo record of lizard habitat development.
 - (c) Success of the lizard habitat planting, including but not limited to, numbers and species planted, annual survival of planting, number/species of plants replaced.
 - (d) Number location and size of eco-stacks (both rock and woody debris).

5. Wildlife Permit – Variations

- 5.1. Applications for variations to this approval may be made to the Director-General for in accordance with clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

6. Wildlife Permit – Revocation

- 6.1. The Director-General may revoke this approval in whole or any part at any time (pursuant to clause 7(4) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024) if:
- (a) There are any breaches of the conditions of this approval.
 - (b) In the Director-General's opinion, the exercise of this approval has caused, or is likely to cause, any unforeseen adverse effects on native lizards.
- 6.2. If the Director-General intends to revoke this approval in whole or in part, the Director-General must give the approval holder such prior notice as is reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

7. Wildlife Permit – Costs

- 7.1. The approval holder must pay the Department of Conservation's standard charge-out rates for any staff time and mileage required to monitor compliance with this approval and to investigate any alleged breaches of the terms and conditions of it.