

APPENDIX D – WILDLIFE APPROVAL CONDITIONS

Authorised Activity

1. All works relating to lizard fauna, including capture, handling, marking and relocation must occur in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan dated 11 September 2026 and submitted with the application.
2. The wildlife approval is for the capture, handling, and release of elegant gecko (*Naultinus elegans*), copper skink (*Oligosoma aeneum*), ornate skink (*Oligosoma ornatum*), forest gecko (*Mokopirirakau granulatus*) and Pacific gecko (*Dactylocnemis pacificus*), provided that best efforts are taken to avoid incidental deaths in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan dated 11 September 2026.
3. The incidental killing of native lizards listed in Condition 2 above, is authorised, provided that best efforts are taken to avoid incidental deaths in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan dated 11 September 2026.
4. This wildlife approval is valid for 10 years from 1 October 2027.

The Land

Source Site

5. Hunua Quarry, at 489 Hunua Road, South Auckland located at -37.086851, 175.001521 (NZTM)

Release Site:

6. Tiritiri Matangi (1769063E, 5947764N) – for up to 75 elegant geckos (*Naultinus elegans*) into the Lighthouse Valley area as directed by Department of Conservation staff.
7. In the Hunua Ranges Regional Park – for other lizard species and as a back-up site for elegant geckos, in consultation with Department of Conservation. The exact release location is not known at present, but the coordinates of 37.038873, 175.170135 (NZTM) are a central point in the park. Location will be confirmed in consultation with Department of Conservation prior to any capture.

Authority Holders address for notices:

8. The Authority Holders Address in New Zealand is:

Winstone Aggregates
PO Box 195
Greenlane
Auckland
Attention: Phil Heffernan – Winstone Project Manager
Email: Phil.Heffernan@winstoneaggregates.co.nz

Department of Conservations address for notices:

9. The Grantor's address for all correspondence is:

Permissions Team
Level 4 73 Rostrevor Street
Hamilton 3200
askpermissions@doc.govt.nz

Lizard Capture and Handling

10. Lizards must only be handled by Katherine Muchna or Matt Turner or by others under the direct

supervision of a SQEP.

11. Any additional SQEP than those named in condition 10 must have prior approval in writing by the Department of Conservation.
12. Lizard capture, handling and relocation must only be undertaken between 1 October and 30 April when lizards are most active.
13. Capture and handling of lizards must involve only techniques that minimise the risk of infection or injury to the animal and must follow those described in the Herpetofauna inventory and monitoring toolbox <http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/biodiversity-inventory-and-monitoring/herpetofauna/>.
14. The Authority Holder must ensure all live capture traps are 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.
15. The Authority Holder must ensure all live capture traps, (e.g., pitfall traps and G minnow traps), are checked at least every 24 hours.
16. The Authority Holder must sterilise any instruments that come in contact with the lizards and/or are used to collect or measure lizards between each location. A separate holding bag must be used for each animal. All gear should be thoroughly cleaned and dried between sites.
17. The Authority Holder must ensure lizards are temporarily 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.
18. The Authority Holder is strongly encouraged to adhere to current best practice hygiene protocols when visiting sites of known native frog populations to avoid the spread of pest organisms such as chytrid fungus.
19. The DOC Operations Manager for Auckland must be contacted immediately [insert contact details] for further advice if lizard species other than those listed in Condition 2 above are located within the clearance area or within the release site.

Incidental death of wildlife associated with salvage activities

20. If any lizards should incidentally die during the approved activities of catch, transfer or liberation, the Approval Holder must:
 - (a) inform the Auckland DOC Operations Manager [insert contact details] 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) send the body to Massey University Wildlife Post Mortem Service for necropsy OR as otherwise advised by the Auckland DOC Operations Manager, along with details of the animal's history; and
 - (c) pay for any costs incurred in investigation of the incidental death of any lizard; and
 - (d) if required by the DOC Operations Manager, cease the Authorised Activity for a period determined by the DOC Operations Manager.

Euthanasia

21. If any lizards are found injured as part of the Authorised Activity, the Approval Holder must contact the Project Ecologist to get advice on management of the lizard. Injured lizard(s) may be euthanised on recommendation of the Project Herpetologist or a veterinarian.

Reporting

22. A report summarising the salvage and relocation results must be prepared and submitted to DOC [Auckland Office, insert contact details] and permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz within 30 working days from the completion date of the salvage. Specifically, this report will include:
- (a) details and 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 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.
 - (b) descriptions of how lizard management activities outlined in the LMP were followed, including conditions detailed in the WAA permit and associated resource consent conditions;
 - (c) an Amphibian and Reptile Distribution Scheme (ARDS) card detailing information relating to captured lizards (also to be provided to herpetofauna@doc.govt.nz); and,
 - (d) a brief summary regarding the outcomes of the LMP, including any improvements/changes that should be implemented in future.

Costs

23. 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.

Employees, Contractors, or Agents

24. The Approval Holder is responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, contractors or agents. The Approval Holder is liable under this Authority for any breach of the terms of the Authority by its employees, contractors or agents as if the breach had been committed by the Approval Holder.
25. Where obligations bind more than one person, those obligations bind those persons jointly and separately.
26. The Approval Holder is only allowed to carry out the Authorised Activity in the Land described in Conditions 5, 6 and 7 above.
27. Any arrangements necessary for access over land that is controlled, owned, or managed by someone other than the Department of Conservation are the responsibility of the Approval Holder. In granting this authorisation the Granter does not warrant that such access can be obtained.
28. The Approval Holder must immediately notify the Department of Conservation of any taxa found which are new to science. In addition, the Approval Holder must lodge holotype specimens and a voucher specimen of any new taxa with a recognised national collection.

Liabilities

29. The Approval Holder agrees to exercise the Authority at the Approval Holder's own risk and releases to the full extent permitted by law the Department of Conservation employees and agents from all claims and demands of any kind and from all liability which may arise in respect of any accident, damage or injury occurring to any person or property arising from the Approval Holder's exercise of the Authorised Activity.
30. The Approval Holder must indemnify the Director-General of Conservation against all claims, actions, losses and expenses of any nature which the Director-General of Conservation may suffer or incur or for which the Director-General of Conservation may become liable arising from the Approval Holder's exercise of the Authorised Activity.
31. This indemnity is to continue after the expiry or termination of this Authority in respect of any acts or omissions occurring or arising before its expiry or termination.

Compliance with legislation and Director-General of Conservation's notices and directions

32. The Approval Holder must comply with all statutes, bylaws and regulations, and all notices, directions and requisitions of the Director-General of Conservation and any competent Authority relating to the exercise of this Approval.

Revocation

33. The Director-General of Conservation may revoke this (Authority pursuant to clause 7(4) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024) at any time in respect of the whole or any part of Authorised Activity if:
 - (a) the Approval Holder breaches any of the conditions of this Approval; or
 - (b) in the Director-General's opinion, the carrying out of the Authorised Activity causes or is likely to cause any unforeseen or unacceptable effects.
34. If the Director-General of Conservation intends to revoke this Approval in whole or in part, the Director-General must give the Approval Holder such prior notice as appears reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

Progress reporting

35. If the Director-General of Conservation (D-G) so requests, the Approval Holder must keep the D-G and relevant Treaty partners informed on the progress of the Authorised Activities. Upon completion of the Activities and in accordance with any reasonable request from the D-G, the Authority Holder must forward a copy of the research findings, reports and publications to the D-G. The Approval Holder acknowledges that the D-G may provide copies of these findings to relevant Treaty partners.

Variations

36. The Approval Holder may apply to the Director-General of Conservation for variations (beyond minor variation) to this Approval in accordance with clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
37. Minor adaptations to the implementation of the LMP will only apply to lizard salvage effort and extent, and only where changes will increase the likelihood of capturing lizards. Specifically:
 - (a) changes to effort can only increase the level of effort (i.e increased trap density, increased number of checks, additional trap / salvage methods)
 - (b) changes to extent can only respond to the extent and types of habitats available at the time of salvage (i.e. mapped grassland becomes shrubland and different methods are required or a slip on the quarry face removes habitat). Any changes to extent will be <10% of total clearance area

per stage.

38. Any changes implemented under Condition 37 will be notified within 24 hours and will be included in permit reporting.
39. For any changes required outside of these criteria, the Project herpetologist will seek advice from the Auckland Regional Operations Manager (auckland@doc.govt.nz) in the first instance.