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NOVA ENERGY TWIZEL SOLAR PROJECT LIZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN – AUGUST 2026 UPDATES

The Lizard Management Plan (LMP) prepared by Wildland Consultants Ltd (Wildlands) for the Nova Energy Twizel Solar Project was updated in August 2026 (Wildlands 2026¹; draft LMP 12-08-2026), following comments from the Department of Conservation (DOC) in their advice for EPA compliance assessment prepared in June 2026².

Changes to the LMP in August 2026 included:

- 1) Section 7.3.2 – The addition of lizard habitat corridors will avoid Threatened and At Risk plants by a minimum of five metres.
- 2) Section 7.3.2 – The addition of explicitly using only eco-sourced indigenous plant material for native plantings in lizard habitat corridors.
- 3) Sections 9.2, 9.4 and 9.5 – Separating monitoring Objective 2 into two Objectives (a revised Objective 2 and new Objective 3). The revised Objective 2 details lizard population monitoring within lizard habitat corridors and moderate value lizard habitats. Objective 3 details lizard population monitoring within the rodent control area/high value lizard habitat.
- 4) Section 9.8 – The revision of the pest mammal control regime, including using different pest mammal control techniques, to the adaptive management intervention actions.

These changes were undertaken to:

- 1) Avoid adverse impacts on Threatened and At Risk plants already present on site from undertaking additional planting or creating rock piles for biodiversity nodes.

¹ Wildland Consultants (2026). *Draft Lizard Management Plan for Proposed Nova Energy Twizel Solar Farm*. Wildland Consultants Contract Report No. 7414b. Prepared for Nova Energy. 40pp.

² Department of Conservation advice for EPA compliance assessment: EPA unique ref. no FTAA-2604-1217; EPA Request Number CRM:0139015778.

- 2) Avoid introducing genetic plant material to the site that is not native to the Mackenzie Basin area and ensure better survival rates by using plants that are adapted to local weather, soil, and microclimates.
- 3) Explicitly separate lizard population monitoring within lizard habitat corridors and within the rodent control area. This then enables the successful recovery of lizards to be specifically determined within the rodent control area, and any perverse outcomes that may arise from either the habitat enhancement or rodent control activities to be specifically identified.
- 4) Enable a mechanism to specifically allow alteration of the pest mammal control programme, if required to address perverse outcomes on lizards due to the pest mammal control.

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