

Appendix B – Proposed Wildlife Approval Conditions

Tauriko West - Tupenga Wildlife Approval

Approval details

Approval Number:	TBC
Determination Date:	xx xx 2026
Lapse Date:	xxx xxx xxx (20 years from determination date)
Approval Holder:	NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Postal Address:	Private Bag 6995, Wellington 6141, New Zealand

Determination

The FTAA Expert Consenting Panel grants the wildlife approval sought pursuant to section 81 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 and the Wildlife Act 1953, in respect of the wildlife activities required to enable the Tauriko West Project, including the handling, salvage, transfer, relocation and release of Lizards, and any incidental injury or mortality of Lizards arising from those authorised activities.

Conditions of Approval

1. The Approval Holder shall implement and comply with the Tauriko West – Tupenga Improvements Lizard Management Plan (LMP) dated 21 July 2026.
2. The purpose of the LMP is to ensure that adverse effects of the Project on Lizards are avoided or minimised and mitigated as appropriate.
3. The Approval Holder may make minor amendments to the LMP without certification by DOC, provided such amendments do not materially change the intent, outcomes or level of protection provided by the LMP.
4. Any amendment that materially changes the intent, outcomes, or level of protection provided by the LMP shall be submitted to DOC for certification prior to implementation.
5. Before submitting any amended LMP for certification, the Approval Holder shall provide a copy to the Tangata Whenua Engagement Group for comment.
6. When submitting any amended LMP to DOC, the Approval Holder shall also provide a separate written summary of any feedback received from the Tangata Whenua Engagement Group and how that feedback has been considered.

DEFINITIONS

The table below defines the acronyms and terms used in the Wildlife Approval conditions. Defined terms are capitalised.

Abbreviation/term	Meaning/definition	
Approval Holder	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	
DOC	Department of Conservation	
Lizards	Common Name(s)	Scientific name
	Copper skink	<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>
	Ornate skink	<i>O. ornatum</i>
	Moko skink	<i>O. moco</i>
	Striped skink	<i>O. striatum</i>
	Crenulate skink	<i>O. robinsoni</i>
	Shore skink	<i>O. smithi</i>
	Forest Gecko	<i>Mokopirirakau granulatus</i>
	Elegant gecko	<i>Naultinus elegans</i>
LMP	Lizard Management Plan dated 27 July 2026	
Project	The construction, operation and maintenance of SH29/SH29A Tauriko West - Tupenga	
Project Works	All works required for the construction of the Project, including enabling works.	
Tangata Whenua Engagement Group	Hapū Ngāti Hangarau, Ngāi Tamarāwaho, and Ngāti Kahu who are members of Te Kauae a Roopu	