



Appendix 25 Wildlife Approval Act Checklist

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Description of how Schedule 7, clause 2 (Fast-Track Approvals Act, 2024) conditions have been addressed	
Schedule 7, Clause 2	Comment/assessment
(a) specify the purpose of the proposed activity	Solar Farm development including the establishment of 720,048 solar panels across the site, with a minimum 3.8 metre gap between each panel. The solar farm development will also include the construction of small buildings and access roads.
(b) identify the actions the applicant wishes to carry out involving protected wildlife and where they will be carried out (whether on or off public conservation land)	Vegetation clearance, site earthworks, and other activities associated with development of the site, near Twizel (see LzMP Figure 1 for location). The site is <u>not</u> on public conservation land. <u>The actions involving protected wildlife as a result of the proposed solar farm include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disturbance. - Injury/mortality to protected wildlife. - Handling and release to a safe location within the site. - Marking (using a xylene-free silver Sharpie).
(c) include an assessment of the activity and its impacts against the purpose of the Wildlife Act 1953	Site assessments and detailed lizard surveys have confirmed habitat present on the site for indigenous lizards. Refer to Wildlands Assessment of Ecological Effects (Wildlands 2025). A Lizard Management Plan (LzMP) has been prepared by Wildlands (2026). The LzMP outlines the proposed salvage and transfer of lizards, as well as habitat enhancement in high quality avoided habitats on site.
(d) list protected wildlife species known or predicted to be in the area, and where possible, the numbers of wildlife present and numbers likely to be impacted.	The potential impacts of the development are on southern grass skink (<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> Clade 5), and McCann's skink (<i>Oligosoma maccanni</i>), which have a confirmed presence on-site (refer to Section 4 and Figure 3 of the LzMP). Further species are known from the area or are present within the site but are not likely to



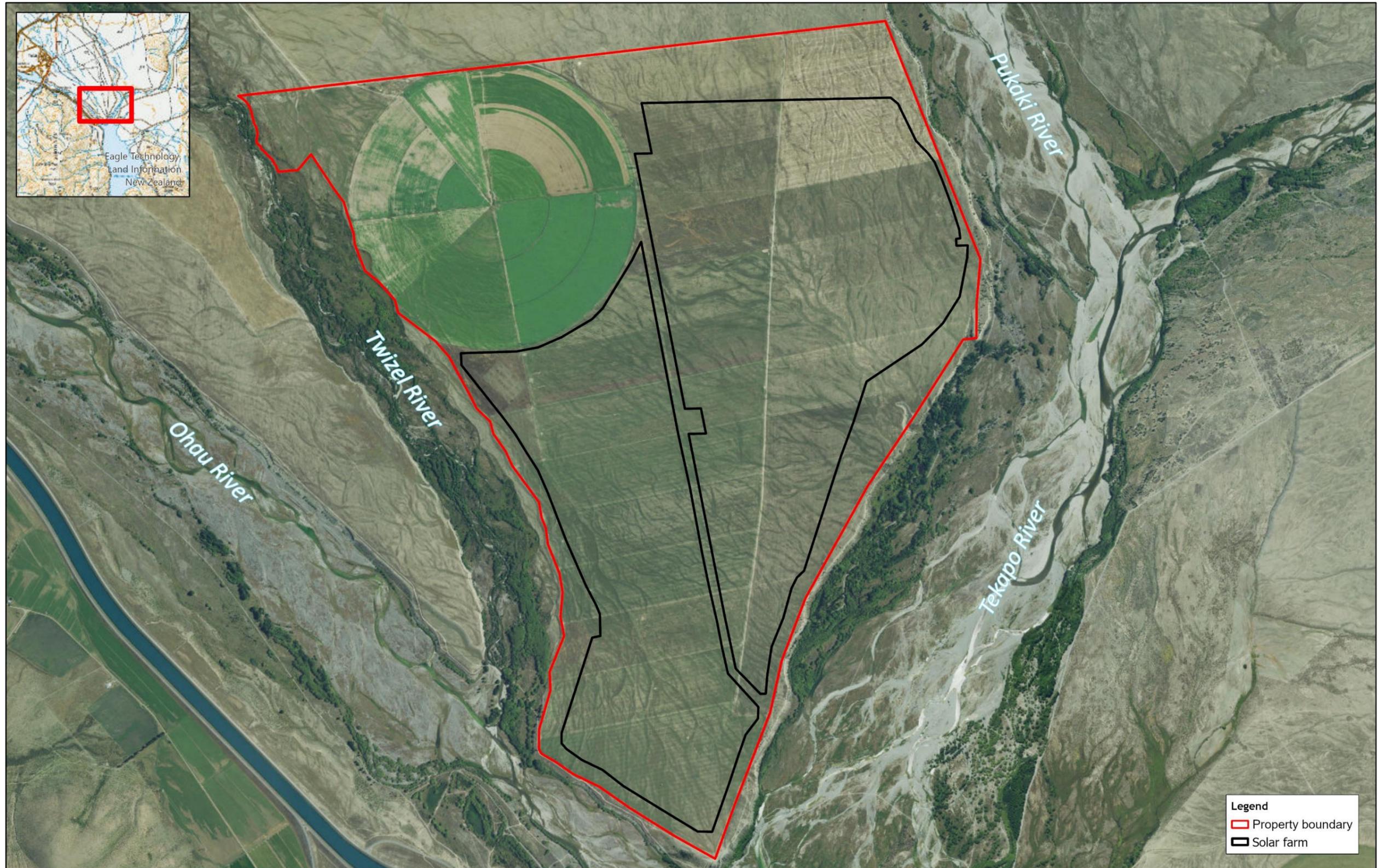
	<p>be affected by the development (refer Section 4.1).</p> <p>No estimate of salvaged lizard numbers is provided, as site surveys could not reliably determine lizard abundance (due to the scale of the site and the scattered nature of the lizard habitats on site). As a result, the actual number of lizards salvaged is likely to be much higher than the number of skinks caught on site during the surveys.</p>
<p>(e) outline impacts on threatened, data deficient, and at-risk wildlife species (as defined in the New Zealand Threat Classification System)</p>	<p>The potential impacts on the species are set out in Section 4.4 of the LzMP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accidental injury/death/displacement - Disturbance during earthworks - Habitat loss and fragmentation; and - Breeding failure/behavioural effects. <p>The At Risk species found within the site are southern grass skink (affected) and Southern Alps gecko (not affected).</p>
<p>(f) state how the methods proposed to be used to conduct the actions specified under paragraph (b) will ensure that best practice standards are met.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 5 of the LzMP, which sets out the best practice standards.</p>
<p>(g) state how the methods proposed to be used to safely, efficiently, and humanely catch, hold, or kill the animals and identify relevant animal ethics processes.</p>	<p>Refer to Section 5.3 of the LzMP.</p>
<p>(h) state the location or locations in which the activity will be carried out, including a map (and GPS co-ordinates if available).</p>	<p>The location in which the activity will be carried out is set out within the AEE and otherwise refer to Figure 1 of the LzMP (see below).</p>
<p>(i) state whether authorisation is sought to temporarily hold or relocate wildlife.</p>	<p>The authorisation is sought to relocate wildlife. A release site is identified in the LzMP (shown as enhancement areas in Figure 5 below).</p>
<p>(j) list all actual and potential wildlife effects (adverse or positive) of the proposed activity, including effects on the target species, other indigenous species, and the ecosystems at the site.</p>	<p>Potential impacts on the species include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Habitat loss and reduction of habitat quality - Injury/death/displacement - Fragmentation of lizard habitat - Disturbance during earthworks - Breeding failure/avoidance - Reduction of high-quality habitats due to shading - Ongoing disturbance.



	The potential effects of the overall development are set out by Wildlands in the AEE (Wildlands 2025).
(k) where adverse effects are identified, state what methods will be used to avoid and minimise those effects, and any offsetting or compensation proposed to address unmitigated adverse effects (including steps taken before the project begins, such as surveying, salvaging and relocating protected wildlife).	Section 5.0 of the LzMP sets out the methods to avoid and minimise effects on the protected wildlife.
(l) state whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has been convicted of any offence under the Wildlife Act 1953.	No convictions.
(m) state whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has any current criminal charges under the Wildlife Act 1953 pending before a court.	No pending charges.
(n) provide proof and details of all consultation, including with hapū or iwi, on the application specific to wildlife impacts.	Consultation has not occurred with DOC as part of the requirements of the Fast-Track application, for lizards. It is intended that Wildlands will consult with DOC once the application has been lodged with the Panel.
(o) provide any additional written expert views, advice, or opinions the applicant has obtained concerning their proposal.	A terrestrial assessment (Wildlands 2025) and LzMP (Wildlands 2026) has been prepared by Wildlands for the proposal.

References

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- Wildland Consultants. (2026). *Draft Lizard Management Plan for The Point Solar Farm, Twizel*. Wildland Consultants Contract Report No. 6621h-v. Prepared for Far North Solar Farms Ltd.



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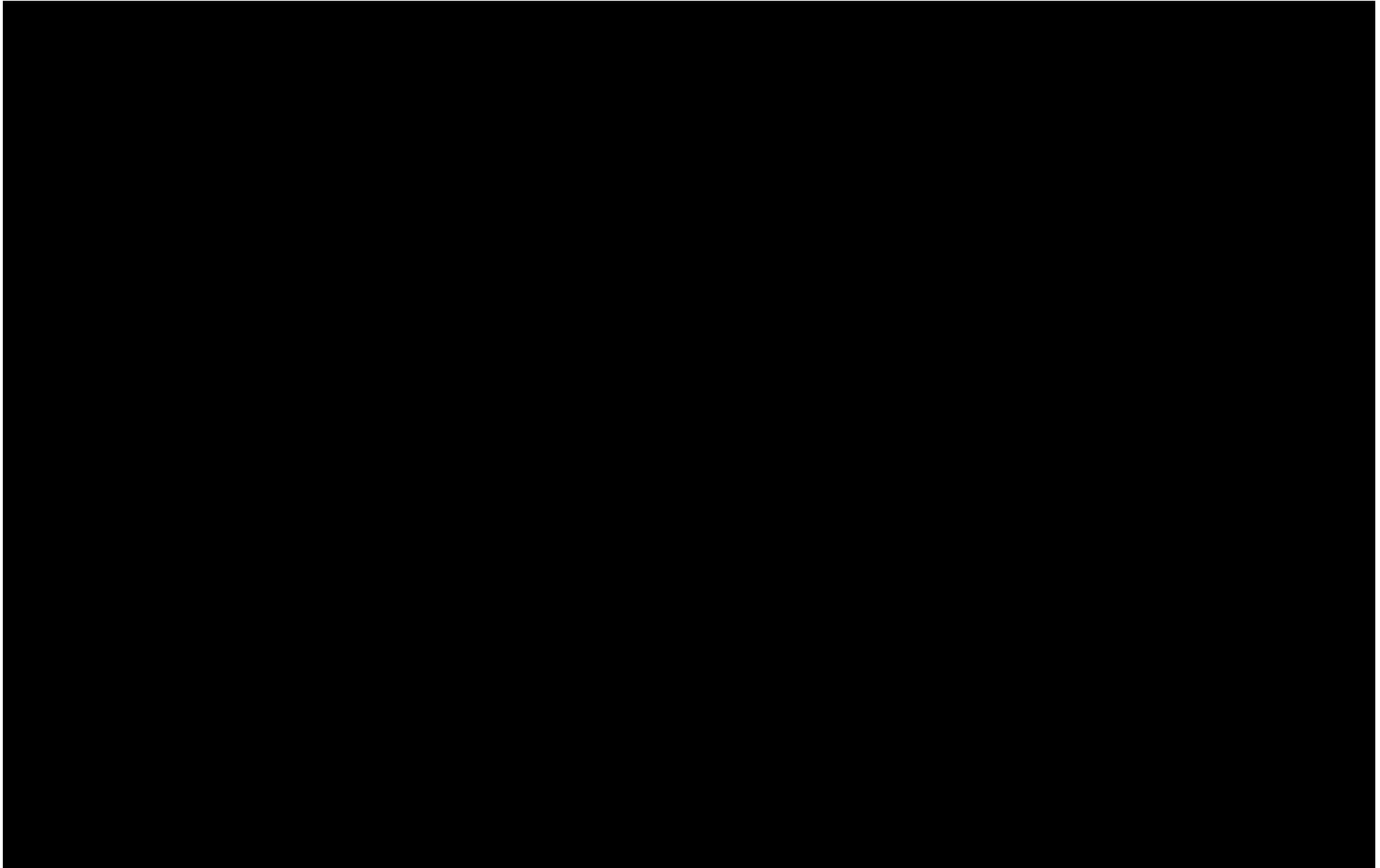
Figure 1. Location of the proposed Point Solar Farm, MacKenzie Basin



Legend
Property boundary
Solar farm

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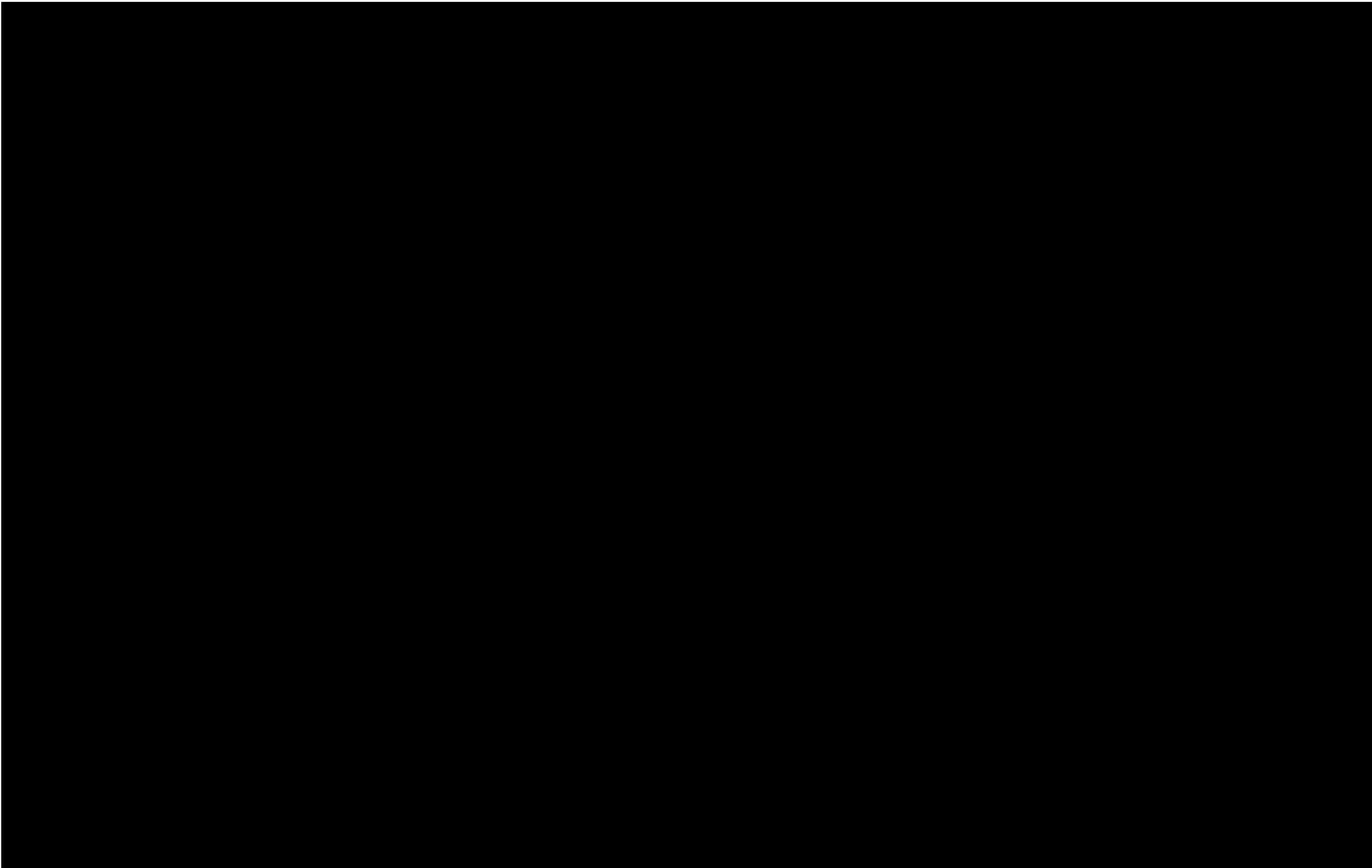
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Figure 3. February 2026 lizard survey effort, The Point, Twizel



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Figure 5. Indicative lizard habitat enhancement corridors, The Point, Twizel



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