

Attachment 22 - Proposed Wildlife Approval Conditions

DRAFT Wildlife Approval Conditions as at [date]

The following definitions and abbreviations apply to this approval.

Authority Holder	Hughes Developments Limited
FTAA	Fast-track Approvals Act 2024
Project	The subdivision and development of the Site to create to create 741 allotments and supporting infrastructure to enable the creation of a new residential neighbourhood called Bangor Village
Site	160 Bangor Road, Darfield (legally described as Section 2 SO 438579 and Lot 2 DP 81020)
ACO	Artificial Cover Object
LMP	Lizard Management Plan, as described in Condition 1 and referenced in Schedule 1.
DoC	Department of Conservation
DoC Operations Manager	The Department of Conservation's local operations manager for Christchurch, contactable at: christchurch@doc.govt.nz
Approval	This Wildlife Authority
Authorised Activity	Being the activity that is authorised by this Approval, described in condition 1 and in the documents included in Schedule 1.
Authorised Personnel	As defined in Condition 3
Director-General	The Director-General of Conservation

GENERAL	
1	The scope of this Approval for the Project is limited to the following and must be carried out in accordance with the documents listed in Schedule 1: a. Activity: i. To catch alive. ii. To incidentally kill. iii. To disturb. iv. To relocate. b. Species i. Canterbury grass skinks (<i>Oligosoma</i> aff. <i>polychroma</i> Clade 4) ii. Southern grass skink (<i>O. chionocholes</i> syn: <i>O. aff. polychroma</i> Clade 5); and iii. McCann's skink (<i>O. maccanni</i>) jewelled gecko (<i>Naultinus gemmeus</i>); c. Method i. Catch by: • ACOs and manual search • Gee's minnow funnel traps with the exception of the amendments required by the following conditions of this Approval.
2	The Authority Holder must advise the DoC Operations Manager one week prior to carrying out the Authorised Activity of the following: a. when the Authority Holder intends to carry out the Authorised Activity; and b. who the Authorised Personnel to carry out the Authorised Activity will be.
3	The Authorised Personnel are: a. Effects Management Ecology Limited i. Mark Hansen – Managing Director and Principal Ecologist b. Or an alternative ecologist/herpetologist approved by DoC in writing prior to commencement of the Authorised Activity.
4	A copy of this Authority must be available on the Site at all times while carrying out the Authorised Activity.
5	This Authority is granted for a term of 15 years from the date this Authority was granted, being [date].
6	If, in the course of a lizard survey or salvage activity, all reasonable effort has been made to meet all of the conditions in this Authority, and wildlife is killed by the Authority Holder, then that will be permitted under this Authority.
7	This Authority gives the Authority Holder the right to hold protected wildlife in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Authority, but the wildlife remains the property of the Crown. This includes any dead wildlife, live wildlife, any parts thereof, any eggs or progeny of the wildlife, genetic material and any replicated genetic material.

8	Unless expressly authorised by the Director-General in writing, the Authority Holder must not donate, sell or otherwise transfer to any third party any wildlife, material, including any genetic material, or any material propagated or cloned from such material, collected under this Authority.
SALVAGE AND RELEASE	
9	Any lizard salvage and release activity must be undertaken in accordance with the approved LMP.
10	Lizards must only be handled by the Authorised Personnel or under the direct supervision of the Authorised Personnel.
11	Capture and handling of lizards must involve only techniques that minimise the risk of infection or injury to the animal.
12	The Authority Holder is only permitted to release the lizards using methods described in the LMP.
13	Capture and handling methods shall follow those described in the DoC Herpetofauna inventory and monitoring toolbox, accessible online at the following link: https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/biodiversity-inventory-and-monitoring/herpetofauna/
14	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.
15	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. The Authority Holder must ensure that all live capture traps contain retreats to minimise risk of predation events within the trap.
16	If any mortality is detected, due consideration shall be made, and documented, that show measures have been taken to reduce mortality. Measures may include, but are not limited to, providing additional protection from weather, undertaking rodent suppression by trapping and/or poisoning at the Site; not conducting live-trapping where mouse numbers have irrupted following grass seeding (where predation has been the cause of mortality); twice-daily trap checks, switching catching devices, or some combination of these measures.
17	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.
18	If any lizards are found injured as part of the Authorised Activity, the Authority Holder shall contact the Authorised Personnel to get advice on management of the lizard/s. The Authority Holder is authorised to euthanise injured lizard(s) on recommendation of the Authorised Personnel or a veterinarian.
19	The DoC Operations Manager is to be advised by the Authority Holder within 48 hours if any lizards should die during the approved activities of catch, transfer or liberate. If required by the DoC Operations Manager the body shall be sent to Awanui Veterinary for necropsy along with the details of the animal's history. If the body is to be chilled if it can be delivered within 72 hours of death or otherwise it shall be frozen.
20	If required in writing by the Director-General, the Authority Holder must make such improvements to techniques (including catching, handling, releasing, preserving and storing),

	and take such other steps as directed by the Director-General.
LIABILITIES	
21	The Authority Holder agrees to exercise the Approval at their own risk and releases, to the full extent permitted by law, the Director-General and the Director-General's 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 Authority Holder's exercise of the Approval.
REVOCATION	
22	The Director-General may revoke this Approval at any time in respect of the whole or any part (pursuant to clause 7(4) of Schedule 7 of the FTAA) if: a. the Authority Holder breaches any of the conditions of this Approval; or b. in the Director-General's opinion, the carrying out of the Approval has caused or is likely to cause any unforeseen or unacceptable effects on lizards. 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.
VARIATION	
23	The Authority Holder may apply to the Director-General for variations to this Approval in accordance with clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the FTAA.
COMPLIANCE	
24	The Authority Holder must comply with all statutes, bylaws, and regulations, and all notices, directions, and requisitions of the Director-General and any competent authority relating to the exercise of the Approval.
INCIDENTAL DISCOVERY	
25	The DoC Operations Manager is to be contacted immediately for further advice if species of protected wildlife other than the species listed in condition 1(b) are located within the Site or within the release site described in the LMP. A separate application to catch alive, liberate or kill non-authorized species may be required.
REPORTING	
26	A report summarising the outcomes of lizard salvaging must be submitted in writing to the DoC Operations Manager within three months of the salvage being completed. Each report must include: a. The Project name; b. The species and number of any animals collected and released; c. The GPS location (or a detailed map) of the collection point(s) and release point(s); d. The results of all surveys, monitoring or research; and e. A description of how the LMP was implemented, including: i. Any difficulties encountered with capture and handling;

	ii. How release sites were assessed; iii. Post-release monitoring; and iv. What contingency actions (if any) were required.
27	Within two months of the completion of the lizard habitat enhancement areas, a suitably qualified ecologist/herpetologist must confirm in writing to the DoC Operations Manager that the lizard related works have been carried out in accordance with the certified LMP.

Schedule 1 – Documentation

TITLE	AUTHOR	REV	DATE
Substantive Project Assessment	Hughes Developments Limited	-	15/07/2026
Lizard Management Plan	Effects Management Ecology Ltd	2	7/07/2026
Terrestrial Ecological Impact Assessment	Effects Management Ecology Ltd	2	8/07/2026