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**MINUTE 1**  
**Request for s 51 report for Homestead Bay**  
**[FTAA-2505-1071]**  
**24 July 2025**

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[1] This Minute directs:

- (a) The applicant identifies proposed conditions for the wildlife approval.
- (b) The EPA to obtain advice and a report from the Department of Conservation pursuant to s 51 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024. ('the Act').

[2] RCL Homestead Bay Ltd has applied for a wildlife approval to authorise the potential destruction of habitat, the killing of lizards, and the catch and release of lizards under the Wildlife Act 1953.

[3] I have read:

- (a) The Assessment of Effects at [6.9, 13.12].
- (b) The Lizard Management Plan prepared by Wildland Consultants Ltd at Appendix AA.

[4] While I have located a wildlife management plan. I have not found corresponding conditions that would attach to the Wildlife Permit (if granted).<sup>1</sup> I will make directions that the applicant file proposed conditions.

[5] Subject to the applicant complying with those directions, pursuant to

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<sup>1</sup> For example, a condition that states the management plan will be implemented.

s 51(2)(c) of the Act, if the Department of Conservation does not agree with or wishes to amplify upon the expert and planning assessment lodged in support of the wildlife approval, it is to file a report in accordance with schedule 7, clause 3.

[6] For the avoidance of doubt, the Department of Conservation does not need to respond if it concurs with the expert and planning assessments and any legal submissions filed.

[7] If the Department of Conservation does not accept the draft conditions, including the Lizard Management Plan, it is to track-change proposed amendments.

### **Time frame for responding**

[8] The applicant will file a memorandum advising where the draft conditions of the wildlife approval are to be found. If they have not been filed, the applicant will file draft conditions within **three working days**.

[9] The Department of Conservation, the timetable for filing advice or report is set out in s 51(4)(a) of the Act. It would assist me, however, if the Department is ready to speak to its intended advice at the Convener's Conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane'.

Jane Borthwick

Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024