

Updated Wildlife Act Approval

1 October 2025

Text underlined and struck through – Amendments proposed by DoC in section 51(2)(c) report dated 10 September 2025 accepted by the Applicant.

Yellow highlighted text – Applicant amendments following meeting with DoC on 23 September 2025.

Wildlife Act Approval Authority ~~Authority~~ for wildlife on non-public land

Authorisation Number:

THIS APPROVAL AUTHORITY ~~Authority~~ is made this day of 2025

PARTIES:

Panel under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Grantor)

AND

Stevenson Aggregates Limited ~~Babbage Consultants Limited~~ (the Approval Authority ~~Authority~~ Holder)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Panel is empowered to issue approvals ~~authorisations~~ under the Wildlife Act 1953 in accordance with section XX of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
- B. The Approval Authority ~~Authority~~ Holder wishes to exercise the authorisation issued under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 and Wildlife Act 1953 subject to the terms and conditions of this Approval Authority ~~Authority~~.

OPERATIVE PARTS

In exercise of the Grantor's powers the Grantor APPROVES ~~AUTHORISES~~ the Approval Authority ~~Authority~~ Holder under section 53 (taking or killing of wildlife for certain purposes) of the Wildlife Act 1953, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Approval Authority ~~Authority~~ and its Schedules.

SIGNED on behalf of the Grantor by [INSERT DETAILS] acting under delegated authority
in the presence of:

Witness Signature

A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at 18-32 Manners Street, Wellington.

SCHEDULE 1

1.	Approved Authorised activity (including the species, any approved quantities and collection methods). (Schedule 2, clause 2)	a) Activities <u>approved</u> authorised for a certain purpose: i. catch alive, <u>kill</u> and liberate • <u>copper skink (<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>)</u> • <u>ornate skink (<i>Oligosoma ornatum</i>)</u> • forest gecko (<i>Mokopirirakau granulatus</i>) • elegant gecko (<i>Naultinus elegans</i>) • <u>pacific gecko (<i>Dactylocnemis pacificus</i>)</u> the protected wildlife referred to in the Native Lizard Management Plan (LMP) in Schedule 4 b) Purpose of <u>approval</u> authorisation: i. to protect lizards by way of salvage. c) Methodology: i. in accordance with the amended Native Lizard Management Plan <u>and all other parts of the EMP where lizards are referred to attached as Schedule 4.</u> d) <u>Stevenson Aggregates Limited only allowed to exercise the Approval as specified in this Decision Document.</u>
2.	The Land (Schedule 2, clause 2)	a) Catch alive at land not managed by the Department of Conservation at Drury, Auckland as outlined in <u>the amended Lizard Management Plan attached as Schedule 4.</u> b) Liberate in release sites outlined in <u>the Lizard Management Plan or other land within the Drury Quarry ecological enhancement areas as agreed in writing with the Department of Conservation</u> Schedule 4.
3.	Personnel authorised to undertake the Approval Authorised Activity (Schedule 2, clause 3)	a) Chris Wedding b) Suitably qualified personnel under the direct supervision of Chris Wedding
4.	Term (Schedule 2, clause 4)	Commencing on XXX <u>Date 2026</u> and expiring on XXX <u>Date 2041 (15 year duration).</u>
5.	Approval Authority	The Approval Authority Holder's address in New Zealand is:

	Holder's address for notices (Schedule 2, clause 8)	<u>Stevenson Aggregates Ltd</u> <u>70 Davies Road</u> <u>Drury</u> <u>Auckland</u> <u>Private Bag 94000</u> <u>Manukau City</u> <u>Auckland 2241</u> <u>Email: jo.young@stevenson.co.nz</u> <u>Copy to:</u> Level 4, 68 Beach Road Auckland Central Auckland 1140 New Zealand Phone: 09 379 9980 Email: chris.wedding@bioresearches.co.nz
6.	<u>Director-General's</u> Grantor's address for notices	The <u>Director-General</u> Grantor's address for all correspondence is: [TO BE CONFIRMED]

SCHEDULE 2

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The Approval Authority Holder is responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, contractors or, agents. The Approval Authority Holder is liable under this Approval Authority for any breach of the terms of the Authority by its employees, contractors or agents as if the breach had been committed by the Approval Authority Holder.
- 1.2 Where obligations bind more than one person, those obligations bind those persons jointly and separately.

2. What is being authorised?

- 2.1 The Approval Authority Holder is only allowed to carry out the Approved Authorised Activity in the Land described in Schedule 1, Item 2.
- 2.2 The Approval Authority Holder must advise the Department of Conservation's local Operations Manager(s) one week prior to carrying out the Approved Authorised Activity in the District, when the Authority Holder intends to carry out the Approved Authorised Activity.
- 2.3 Any arrangements necessary for access over private land or leased land are the responsibility of the Approval Authority Holder. In granting this authorisation the Grantor does not warrant that such access can be obtained.
- 2.4 The Approval Authority Holder and Authorised Personnel must carry a copy of this Approval Authority with them at all times while carrying out the Approved Authorised Activity.
- 2.5 The Approval Authority Holder may publish authorised research results.
- 2.6 The Approval Authority Holder must immediately notify the Director General Grantor of any taxa found which are new to science. In addition, the Approval Authority Holder must lodge holotype specimens and a voucher specimen of any new taxa with a recognised national collection.

3. Who is authorised?

- 3.1 Only the Approval Authority Holder and the Authorised Personnel described in Schedule 1, Item 3 are authorised to carry out the Approved Authorised Activity, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Director General Grantor.

4. How long is the Authority for - the Term?

- 4.1 This Authority commences and ends on the dates set out in Schedule 1, Item 4.

5. What are the liabilities?

- 5.1 The Authority Holder Stevenson Aggregates Limited agrees to exercise the Approval Authority at the Approval Authority Holder's own risk and releases to the full extent permitted by law the Director-General Grantor and the Director General's Grantor'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 Approval Authority-Holder's exercise of the Approved Authorised Activity.

5.2 The Approval Authority-Holder must indemnify the Director-General Grantor against all claims, actions, losses and expenses of any nature which the Director-General Grantor may suffer or incur or for which the Director-General Grantor may become liable arising from the Approval Authority-Holder's exercise of the Approved Authorised Activity.

5.3 This indemnity is to continue after the expiry or termination of this Approval Authority in respect of any acts or omissions occurring or arising before its expiry or termination.

6. What about compliance with legislation and Grantor's notices and directions?

6.1 The Approval Authority-Holder must comply with all statutes, bylaws and regulations, and all notices, directions and requisitions of the Director-General Grantor and any competent Approval Authority relating to the conduct of the Approved Authorised Activity. Without limitation, this includes the Conservation Act 1987 and the Acts listed in the First Schedule of that Act and all applicable health and safety legislation and regulation.

7. When can the Authority be revoked ~~terminated~~?

7.1 The Director-General Grantor may revoke ~~terminate~~ this Approval Authority at any time in respect of the whole or any part (pursuant to clause 7(4) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024) ~~of Authorised Activity~~ if:

- (a) the Approval Authority-Holder breaches any of the conditions of this Approval Authority; or
- (b) in the Director-General's Grantor's opinion, the carrying out of the Approval Authorised Activity ~~has caused~~ or is likely to cause any unforeseen or unacceptable effects on lizards.

7.2 If the Director-General Grantor intends to ~~terminate~~ revoke this Approval Authority in whole or in part, the Director-General Grantor must give the Approval Authority-Holder such prior notice as is, in the sole opinion of the Director-General Grantor, appears ~~is, in the sole opinion of the Director-General Grantor, appears~~ reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

8. How are notices sent and when are they received?

8.1 Any notice to be given under this Approval Authority by the Director-General Grantor is to be in writing and made by personal delivery, by pre-paid post or email to the Approval Authority Holder at the address, fax number or email address specified in Schedule 1, Item 5. Any such notice is to be deemed to have been received:

- (a) in the case of personal delivery, on the date of delivery;
- (b) in the case of post, on the 3rd working day after posting;
- (c) in the case of email, on the date receipt of the email is acknowledged by the addressee by return email or otherwise in writing.

8.2 If the ~~Approval Authority~~ Holder's details specified in Schedule 1, Item 5 change then the ~~Approval Authority~~ Holder must notify the ~~Director-General Grantor~~ within 5 working days of such change.

9. What about the payment of costs?

9.1 The ~~Approval Authority~~ Holder must pay the standard Department of Conservation charge-out rates for any staff time and mileage required to monitor compliance with this ~~Approval Authority~~ and to investigate any alleged breaches of the terms and conditions of it.

10. Are there any Special Conditions?

10.1 Special conditions are specified in Schedule 3. If there is a conflict between this Schedule 2 and the Special Conditions in Schedule 3, the Special Conditions will prevail.

11. Can the ~~Approval Authority~~ be varied?

11.1 The ~~Approval Authority~~ Holder may apply to the ~~Director-General Grantor~~ for variations to this ~~Authority Approval~~ in accordance with clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

12. Death of wildlife associated with salvage activities

12.1 If any lizards should die during the approved activities of catch, transfer or liberate, the Approval Holder must:

- (a) inform the Auckland DOC Operations Manager (auckland@doc.govt.nz) within 48 hours, chill the body if it can be delivered within 72 hours, or freeze the body if delivery will take longer than 72 hours; and
- (b) send the body to Massey University Wildlife Postmortem Service for necropsy or as otherwise advised by the Auckland DOC Operations Manager, along with details of the animal's history; and
- (c) pay for any costs incurred in investigation of the death of any lizard; and
- (d) if required by the Auckland DOC Operations Manager, cease the Approved Activity for a period determined by the DOC Operations Manager.

13. Euthanasia

13.1 if any lizards are found injured as part of the Approved Activity, the Approval Holder shall contact the Project Ecologist to get advice on management of the lizard. The Approval Holder is authorised to euthanise injured lizard(s) on recommendation of the Project Ecologist or a veterinarian.

14. Compliance with Legislation and Director-General's Notices and Directions

14.1 Stevenson Aggregates Limited 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.

Schedule 3 – Special conditions

I1	Adhere to approved application <u>Stevenson Aggregates Limited will comply with the Lizard Management Plan (LMP) and all other parts of the EMP where lizards are referred to which is section 5 of the EMP [add date of the latest version] that is attached to Schedule 4 of this Approval</u> The Authorised Activity must be undertaken in accordance with the Native Lizard Management Plan (NLMP) attached to Schedule 4 of this Authority.
I2	The <u>Approval Authority</u> Holder is responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, contractors, or agents. The <u>Approval Authority</u> Holder is liable under this <u>Approval Authority</u> for any breach of the terms of the <u>Approval Authority</u> by its employees, contractors or agents as if the breach had been committed by the <u>Approval Authority</u> Holder.
I3	Salvage relocation and habitat enhancement The <u>Approval Authority</u> Holder must perform actions as set out in the contingencies/adaptive management sections of the NMP <u>Lizard Management Plan (LMP) and all other parts of the EMP where lizards are referred to which is section 5 of the EMP [add date of the latest version] titled "Proposed Sutton Block, Drury. E3.9 Ecological Management Plan for Stevenson Aggregates Limited" and dated 17 July 2025 attached as Schedule 4</u> to ensure adequate mitigation of effects has been achieved.
I4	The DOC Operations Manager for Drury ([TBC]@doc.govt.nz) <u>Auckland (auckland@doc.govt.nz)</u> is to be contacted immediately for further advice if wildlife other than those listed in Schedule 1 are located within the Site or within the release site. A separate application to <u>catch alive, liberate or kill non-authorized species</u> will be required.
I5	Lizard capture and handling Lizards must only be handled by <u>Chris Wedding</u> Authorised Personnel listed in Schedule 1 Item 3, or under the direct supervision of Chris Wedding the Authorised Personnel.
I6	Lizard capture, handling and relocation should be undertaken at a suitable time of year, October – April, when the temperature is between 12-22 degrees Celsius, as advised by a suitably qualified and experienced herpetologist.
I7	Capture and handling of lizards must involve only techniques that minimise the risk of infection or injury to the animal.
I8	Capture and handling methods shall follow those described in the Herpetofauna inventory and monitoring toolbox http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/biodiversity-inventory-and-monitoring/herpetofauna/
I9	The <u>Approval Authority</u> 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 and the bottom of the pit-fall trap must be perforated to allow drainage of water.
I10	The <u>Approval Authority</u> Holder must ensure all live capture traps, (e.g., pitfall traps and G-minnow traps), are checked at least every 24 hours.
I11	The <u>Approval Authority</u> 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 between sites.
I12	The <u>Approval Authority</u> 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.
I13	The <u>Approval Authority</u> Holder is strongly encouraged to adhere to current best practice hygiene protocols when visiting sites of known native frog populations to avoid the spread of pest organisms such as chytrid fungus.

I14	If required in writing by the Director-General Grantor , the Approval 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 Grantor .
I15	Lizard Salvage Reporting A report summarising the outcomes of lizard salvaging must be submitted in writing to the DOC Operations Manager for Auckland (auckland@doc.govt.nz) Drury ([TBC]@doc.govt.nz) and permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz within three months of the salvage being completed. Each report must include: The Project name The permission number; - The species and number of any animals collected and released; - The GPS location (or a detailed map) of the collection point(s) and release point(s); - The results of all surveys, monitoring or research; and - A description of how the NLM was implemented, including: - Any difficulties encountered with capture and handling; - How release sites were assessed; - Post-release monitoring; and - What contingency actions (if any) were required.
I16	Completed Amphibian and Reptile Distribution System (ARDS) cards for all herpetofauna sightings and captures (Report a sighting: Amphibian and reptile species sightings and observations (doc.govt.nz)) must be sent to Herpetofauna, Department of Conservation, National Office, PO Box 10420 Wellington 6143 or herpetofauna@doc.govt.nz .
I17	Review The Approval Holder must review the LMP and resubmit to it to the Director-General for certification on or before the date that is 10 years from the Approval date.
I18	The purpose of the review is to reassess habitat conditions and characteristics and update the LMP to reflect current species knowledge, best practice lizard management and mitigation techniques.
I19	Any proposed amendment to the LMP must: - be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person with expertise in lizards; - meet the objective of the LMP; - be for the purpose set out in condition I18; and - must be submitted to the local Operations Manager (auckland@doc.govt.nz) of the Department of Conservation, on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation, for certification.
I19	The Director-General will certify an amendment to the LMP if it includes processes for the following, in a manner that will achieve the LMP objective and the purpose of the review: - Credentials and contact details of the suitably qualified and experienced ecologist/herpetologist who will implement the plan; - Timing of the implementation of the LMP; - A description of methodology for survey, trapping and relocation of lizards rescued including but not limited to: - A description of the relocation site(s); including: - provision for additional refugia, if required e.g. depositing salvaged logs, wood or debris for newly released native skinks that have been rescued; - any protection mechanisms (if required) to ensure the relocation site is maintained (e.g.) covenants, consent notices etc; and - any weed and pest management to ensure the relocation site is maintained as appropriate habitat. - Monitoring methods, including but not limited to:

	• <u>baseline surveying within the site;</u> • <u>baseline surveys outside the site to identify potential release sites for salvaged lizard populations and lizard monitoring sites;</u> • <u>pre and post – relocation surveys; and</u> • <u>monitoring of effectiveness of pest control and/or any potential adverse effects on lizards associated with pest control; and</u> (f) <u>A post-vegetation clearance search for remaining lizards.</u>
<u>I20</u>	<u>If the Director-General decides not to recertify the LMP, the Approval will be considered to be no longer supported by an adequate management plan and may be revoked.</u>

Schedule 4 - Lizard Management Plan