

Volume 2E: Proposed Wildlife Approval Conditions (December 2025)

Definitions and terms used in Wildlife Approval

Abbreviation/term	Meaning
Approval Holder	NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Authorised Activity	To catch alive and relocate Lizards, and the incidental killing of Lizards, for the purpose of protecting the Lizards by way of salvage along with post-relocation monitoring at Relocation Sites.
Construction Works	Those works involving vegetation clearance which are necessary to construct and establish the Project, excluding those works authorised by Wildlife Approval 119946-FAU
DOC	Department of Conservation
LMP	Lizard Management Plan
Lizards	Canterbury grass skink (<i>Oligosoma aff. polychroma</i> Clade 4), along with the incidental discovery of McCann's skink (<i>Oligosoma maccanni</i>), Southern grass skink (<i>Oligosoma polychroma</i> Clade 5), and Waitaha gecko (<i>Woodworthia cf. brunnea</i>)
Project	State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast to Pegasus)
Relocation Sites	(a) Barkers Road (Lot 1 DP 423296, Lot 2 DP 423296, Lot 1 DP 359788, and Lot 2 DP 359788), and (b) Kaiapoi Lakes Reserve (Lot 1 DP 8962)
SQP	Suitable Qualified Person: A person (or persons) who is competent and experienced in the field of expertise that is relevant to a particular task or action directed by a condition
Whitiora	Whitiora Centre Limited: Mandated by Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga to provide advice on and in relation to this Wildlife Approval
Working Day	A day of the week other than— (a) a Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day; and (b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday; and (c) a day in the period commencing on 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.

Conditions

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WA.1	This Wildlife Approval shall expire 20 years after the date the Approval is granted.
WA.2	<p>(a) The Approval Holder shall prepare a Lizard Management Plan (LMP).</p> <p>(b) The LMP may be prepared for the entirety of the Project or for individual Project stages.</p> <p>(c) The purpose of the LMP is to reduce the injury and mortality of Lizards during Construction Works and post-relocation monitoring.</p> <p>(d) The LMP shall be prepared by a SQP, follow best practice in terms of hygiene and animal welfare, and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identification of suitable Lizard habitats affected by Construction Works; ii. Salvage methods to be undertaken before and during vegetation clearance, including protocols for transporting lizards to the Relocation Sites; iii. Protocols for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lizard hygiene management; 2 Incidental discovery; 3 Kill and harm minimisation; and 4 Incidental death associated with salvage or Construction Works; iv. Within the Relocation Sites: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Measures for pest mammal control, creation, and enhancement of lizard habitat, and post-relocation lizard and pest mammal monitoring (monitoring to occur for a period of five years after establishment of Relocation Sites); and 2 Measures to avoid and minimise disturbance to resident lizards within the Relocation Sites associated with the measures in clause (1); v. Reporting requirements to DOC (including Lizard capture and relocation data on an annual basis for the duration of Construction Works and post-relocation lizard monitoring data). <p>(e) At least 10 Working Days before submitting the LMP to DOC in accordance with WA.2(f), the LMP shall be provided to Whitiora for review and comment. The Approval Holder shall consider any written feedback received from Whitiora prior to providing the LMP to DOC, and incorporate suggestions into the LMP from the written feedback, along with any measures for involvement of Whitiora in implementing the Authorised Activity, as the Approval Holder considers appropriate.</p> <p>(f) At least 30 Working Days before starting Construction Works (or the stage of work to which the LMP applies), the LMP shall be provided to DOC for certification that the LMP satisfies the requirements of WA.2(c) and (d). In the event DOC has not within 30 Working Days certified the LMP or advised that the LMP is not suitable to certify, the LMP will be deemed to have been certified and the Consent Holder may commence Construction Works in accordance with the LMP.</p> <p>(g) The certified LMP shall be implemented and complied with for the duration of Construction Works (or the stage of work to which the LMP applies).</p> <p>(h) Material changes to the certified LMP must proceed through the steps in conditions WA.2(e) and (f). Minor changes may be made at any time to the LMP without any further process.</p>
WA.3	<p>The Authorised Activity shall be carried out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) By a SQP; (b) In accordance with the LMP; (c) For catch / capture, within the area affected by Construction Works, and for relocation, within the Relocation Sites.