

Homestead Bay

Proposed Wildlife Authority Conditions

- 1 That the development must be undertaken/carried out in accordance with the Wildlife Act Authority application as submitted including the 'Lizard Management Plan for Homestead Bay Subdivision, Queenstown' prepared by Wildland Consultants Ltd dated April 2025, for the following:

- a. Activity:
 - i. To catch alive and kill
 - ii. To disturb
 - iii. To relocate within the development site
- b. Species
 - i. McCann's skink (*Oligosoma maccanni*)
 - ii. Tussock skink (*Oligosoma chionochlosens*)
 - iii. Mountain beech gecko (*Woodworthia* "south-western")
- c. Method
 - i. Catch by
 - a) Funnel traps
 - b) Pitfall traps
 - c) Manual search

with the exception of the amendments required by the following conditions of consent.

- 2 The Authority Holder must advise the Department of Conservation's local 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 to carry out the activity are:

Wildland Consultants Limited

Cameron Thorp; Herpetologist – Project Herpetologist

Jade Christiansen; Herpetologist

Samantha King; Senior Ecologist and Herpetologist

Or an alternative herpetologist approved by the Department of Conservation in writing prior to commencement of the activity.

- 4 A copy of this Authority must be available on site at all times while carrying out the Authorised Activity.
- 5 The Wildlife Authority is granted for a term of 10 years from the date of approval.

- 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 The Department of Conservation's local Operations Manager is to be contacted immediately for further advice if species of protected wildlife other than McCann's skink (*Oligosoma maccanni*), Tussock skink (*Oligosoma chionochlosens*) and Mountain beech gecko (*Woodworthia* "south-western") are located within the footprint of the planned development stage. A separate application to kill non-authorised species may be required.
- 8 This Authorisation gives the Authority Holder the right to hold protected wildlife in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Authorisation, 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.
- 9 Unless expressly authorised by the Grantor 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.
- 10 Any lizard salvage and release activity must be undertaken in accordance with the approved Lizard Management Plan listed in Condition 1.
- 11 Lizards must only be handled by the Authorised Personnel or under the direct supervision of the Authorised Personnel.
- 12 Capture and handling of lizards must involve only techniques that minimise the risk of infection or injury to the animal.
- 13 The Authority Holder is only permitted to release McCann's skink (*Oligosoma maccanni*), Tussock skink (*Oligosoma chionochlosens*) and Mountain beech gecko (*Woodworthia* "south-western") using methods described in the Lizard Management Plan listed in Condition 1.
- 14 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/>.
- 15 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.
- 16 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 and the bottom of the pit-fall trap must be perforated to allow drainage of water. The Authority Holder must ensure that all live capture traps contain retreats to minimise risk of predation events within the trap.
- 17 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.

- 18 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 between sites.
- 19 The Authority Holder must not euthanise any wildlife unless:
 - a. The Authority Holder obtains authority from the Grantor; or
 - b. A veterinarian recommends euthanasia on animal welfare grounds; or
 - c. The Authority Holder euthanises the wildlife under direction from the Grantor.