

Appendix C – Hamilton City Council Confirmation



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Waiwhakareke lizard release – Te Kowhai East, and Greenway fence contribution
Date: Thursday, 27 August 2026 11:30:52 am
Attachments: [Lizard Services Provided at Hamilton Zoo.docx](#)

Kia ora Victoria

Thanks for your email. I hope you all are doing well. We are certainly open to receiving the lizards to relocate within Waiwhakareke. However, the service is a bit different than what DOC may have led you to believe. Attached please find our lizard relocation fees and a methodology.

A few things to note:

- We must quarantine any lizards coming to us before we release them into Waiwhakareke.
- For 10 lizards or less, quarantine is \$4,700, release into Waiwhakareke is an additional \$2,000.
 - For additional lizards you will see there is an additional charge, this is on top of the \$4,700 covering the first ten.
- Payment is to Te Kaaroro, not the Predator Exclusion Fence project. We can invoice you for charges.

If you are interested in pursuing this route, please let me know so that I can get my team to prepare the quarantine building and enclosures.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

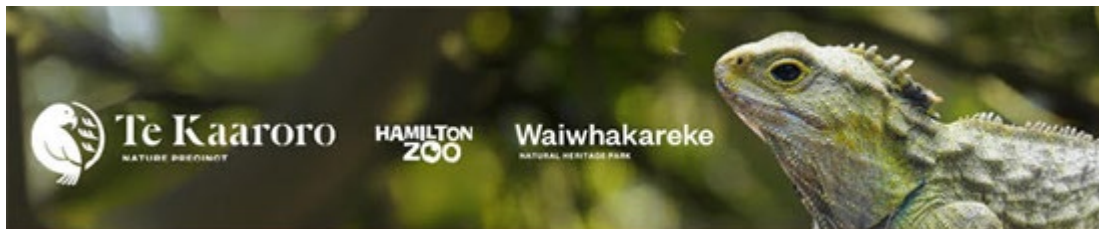
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Kia ora Baird,

Hope you're doing well. Thanks again for the ongoing work with Te Kaaroro on the Rotokauri Greenway project, we've really valued the relationship, including your agreement for us to use Waiwhakareke as a lizard release site. We're required to contribute \$5,000 toward the predator proof fence as part of the Wild Act Approval from DOC, and with salvage for the Greenway coming up in the next few months, I'd like to get that payment organised with you.

Separately, we have a second project, Te Kowhai East, an industrial development in the wider Hamilton area being progressed through the Fast-track Approvals Act process. Like Rotokauri, it requires copper skinks to be relocated ahead of vegetation clearance, and our ecologist has identified Waiwhakareke as the preferred receiving site given the predator proof fence, the pest control programme and the reserve's long-term protected status. We're working with the same mana whenua group on Te Kowhai East as we are on Rotokauri, and they support relocation to a protected, predator free site and would want to be part of the release. We wanted to come to you directly and ask whether Te Kaaroro would be open to receiving the skinks from this project as well. If so, we'd like to be able to confirm the following with you:

1. Te Kaaroro's agreement in principle to accept the copper skinks, and that the reserve has capacity for them.
2. The current status of the predator proof fence and the expected completion date, along with confirmation that the pest control programme is in place.
3. A contribution to the fence fund on the same basis as the Greenway release.

We're lodging the substantive application at the end of this month. We would really appreciate if we could resolve items 1 and 2 before then with you. The contribution and the finer detail we can settle after fast track lodgement. Let me know if a call or meeting would be easier than working through this over email

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