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Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Wildlife Act Authority (General)

Application form 9

This application form is only for the following activities involving any animal protected under the Wildlife Act 1953 (which does not include marine mammals)

Catch, handle, release wildlife at one site

- Hunt, disturb, kill or catch alive protected wildlife that are causing damage (under section 54 of the Wildlife Act 1953)
- Catch and/or hold wildlife for rehabilitation – up to 3 months
- Hold wildlife in permanent captivity, if already held in captivity

Using this application form

Completing the application



Save – You can save this application form to your digital device and edit or complete it in your own time.



Fill – You can fill this application digitally using Microsoft word. If possible, we prefer you completed it this way, as it helps us process your initial application faster.



Print – You can print this application form and fill it manually, then scan it, or you can complete it digitally, then print it.



Submit – Either a hard copy at your local DOC District Office, or



Email – (Preferably) email your application and all the required labelled attachments to:
permissions@doc.govt.nz



Important – Failure to complete this application form correctly may result in your application being returned to you seeking more information, which may extend the time it takes the Department of Conservation to process your application, or it may result in your application being declined. If you need help completing your application, please [contact your local DOC office](#), or email permissions@doc.govt.nz

! Application checklist



Have you included labelled attachments as required for your activities (including reports, maps, testimonials, and consultation documentation)?

Ensure these are attached/submitted with your application (see Section B: Activity, for more information).



Have you read the section regarding liability of the applicant for payment of fees?



Have you ensured you have any other necessary consents required (e.g., RMA consent)?



Have you signed your application (digitally or manually)?

Navigation



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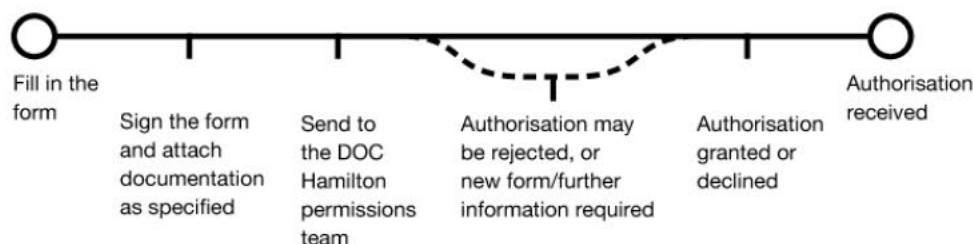


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Before you start

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

Process



Before Submitting

Before submitting your application, please ensure you have prepared the appropriate supplementary documentation if required, and named them accordingly:

- ☐ Species Management Plan*
- ☐ Attachment Project Background/Research Proposal
- ☐ Attachment Supplementary Information Attachment
- ☐ Proposed Location
- ☐ Attachment Restricted Lands
- ☐ Attachment Proposed Wildlife
- ☐ Attachment Maps of land
- ☐ Attachment Skills and Experience
- ☐ Attachment Iwi Engagement
- ☐ Attachment Other Consultation
- ☐ Photos of enclosures

SUBMIT via permissions@doc.govt.nz

! Please take the timeframes below into consideration when submitting your application.

! An application is deemed complete when all information requested has been received.

! Any amendments requested after lodgement may require a Form 9a variation application to be completed resulting in a delay of processing of your application.

! Please see also the [fees](#) section.

*Please note that if your activity requires a species management plan and you do not supply one, your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unsure if one is required, please enquire at permissionsupdates@doc.govt.nz

Section A | Applicant details

Full name of person to hold the Authority (registered company, institute, organisation, or individual)

Saxby Road JV Limited

Legal status of applicant:

☐

Individual

☐

Trust

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Registered company

☐

Research institute

Other (specify)



Please attach a copy of Trust Deed

Registration number (if company, trust or incorporated society)

9338022

Trading name (if different from applicant name)

Any previous Authorisations held?

☐

Yes

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No

If yes, please provide Authority number

If yes, have you completed the reporting requirements under that Authority? Note: your application will not be accepted and returned to you if not completed.

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Yes

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No

Postal address

Level 1, 137 Alexandra Street,
Central, Hamilton, 3210

Street address (if different from postal)



You must provide a New Zealand address for service.

Registered office of company or incorporated society (if applicable)

Phone

Website

Contact person and role

Graham Ussher, Project Herpetologist.
Selwyn Mexted, Saxby Road JV Limited

Phone

Mobile



Please fill these three fields for your company contact person or if you are applying as an individual.

Email

Section B | Activities

1. Purpose

Please select or specify the purpose of the activity.

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|---|--|
| ☐ Traditional/cultural use | ☒ Salvage* (including Species Management Plan) |
| ☒ Species management | ☐ Education |
| ☐ Rehabilitation of sick/injured animals | ☐ Museum display/collection |
| ☐ Research | |
| ☒ Incidental killing* | Other: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div> |

*if ticked you must fill out Appendix 1

2. Research/species management project description.

If the activity is research or species management, then please specify the purpose of the research or management activity.

Please provide a summary in plain English (100 words or less) here and include project objectives:

Saxby Road JV Limited are seeking approval via a fast-track application for a proposed development, known as 'Stage 1 Residential', as part of the wider SL1 development in Hamilton south. A habitat assessment of the development footprint and database search of the surrounding area found that the native copper skink (*Oligosoma aeneum*) and ornate skink (*Oligosoma ornatum*) (both At Risk-Declining) are potentially present at the site.

The purpose of this application is to gain authority from DOC to salvage lizard populations across habitat types that support copper and ornate skinks within the development footprint. A Lizard Management Plan is attached.

2.1 What are the protective benefits of your Activity and how is the Activity consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Wildlife Act (i.e. Protection or Control of Wildlife)

The purpose of lizard management is to minimise adverse effects on lizards during construction and operation. This will be achieved through the following objectives:

- Capture and relocation of indigenous lizards from identified lizard habitat areas to be affected by vegetation clearance.
- Enhance/augment lizard habitat within the release site through the construction of an artificial refuge (e.g., eco-stack/ piles of logs/branches/stones) for every lizard captured and released.

! Please note that if your activity requires a species management plan and you do not supply one, your application will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unsure if one is required, please enquire at permissionsupdates@doc.govt.nz

! If you need more room, attach a copy of your project proposal to this form and label it Project Background.

! [Wildlife Act 1953](#)

Section B (continued) | Activities

3. Species name and threat classification

Please list the common and scientific name/s and threat classification of all protected species for which the authorisation is sought.

Common name	Scientific name	NZ threat classification
1. Copper Skink Copper Skink	1. <i>Oligosoma aeneum</i> <i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>	1. At Risk - Declining At Risk - Declining
2. Ornate Skink Ornate Skink	2. <i>Oligosoma ornatum</i> <i>Oligosoma ornatum</i>	2. At Risk - Declining At Risk - Declining
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.

! "NZTC list" means the most recent officially published list for any taxonomic group developed using the New Zealand Threat Classification System Manual by Townsend, et. al. (2008), or any successor document. To view the list, visit [our website](#).

4. Activities

4.1. Actions

Please select all the actions that are applicable to the activity you wish to carry out involving wildlife on and/or off public conservation land.

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|---|---|
| ☒ Catch and handle wildlife on site | ☐ Transfer captive wildlife from one holding facility to another holding facility |
| ☐ Take samples from wildlife | ☒ Kill wildlife |
| ☐ Take or destroy the eggs of wildlife | ☐ Hunt, disturb, kill or catch alive protected wildlife that are causing damage (under section 54 of the Wildlife Act 1953) |
| ☐ Attach identification bands to wildlife | |
| ☐ Mark – tag or attach other scientific apparatus (except bands) to wildlife | Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Mark in any way – paint, twink, shaving, toe clipping etc. | |
| ☐ Catch and temporarily hold wildlife in captivity (less than 3 months) | |

Section B (continued) | Activities

4.2. Is Animal Ethics approval required?

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Yes

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No

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Don't know

! If yes, please attach evidence of Animal Ethics Approval

5. Authorisation term and activity timeframes

5.1. Authorisation term

Authorisations will be granted for a limited term. Please specify the start and end dates you would like your proposed authorisation to cover and explain why this term is sought. e.g. 'July 2015 – March 2015' or 'from date of issue for 5 years.'

Term:

From date of issue for 5 years.

Reason e.g. If an activity has a firm start date, please provide a detailed explanation as to why:

A duration of 5 years will cover the possible eventuality of habitat clearance being delayed due to delays in obtaining fast track approval, or other potential delays to on site works.

6. Number to be caught, held or killed

Where possible, please state:

The target number of individuals of each species of protected wildlife to be caught, held or killed and what proportion of the local and global species population you estimate would be affected by your activity.

Species	# of individuals	Proportion/population
1. Oligosoma aeneum	<20	<0.1%
2. Oligosoma ornatum	<20	<0.1%
3.		

! If your application is not to catch, hold or kill a live animal (i.e. you are applying to hold specimens), please go to Question 11.

Section B (continued) | Activities

7. Method/s of capture

Please describe the methods to be used to safely, efficiently and humanely catch, hold or kill the animals and identify relevant animal ethics processes.

The approach to lizard management will follow the principles set out by the Department of Conservation for lizard salvage and transfer in New Zealand (DOC 2019). Methods used will include: pre-vegetation clearance systematic searches and live trapping (EG, Artificial Cover Objects), machine assisted searches as a contingency measure, and use of temporary containment boxes with local vegetation and water mist for holding during relocation. Full details of these methods are found in the attached Lizard Management Plan

8. Samples to be collected

8.1. Samples, amounts, methods

Please list exactly what samples are to be taken (e.g. blood, DNA, feathers, etc) and the methods/s to be used, including amounts to be taken (if known).

Sample	Method	Amount
1. None		
2.		
3.		

8.2. Purpose

Please state the purpose for which the samples would be taken (e.g. taxonomy, genetic analysis, disease screening) and if they will be sent overseas.

N/A

Sending overseas?

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Yes

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No

8.3. Samples for genetic modification

If you will be taking samples for genetic modification, please attach your Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA) application and label it attachment B6.2.3.

! If no samples are to be collected, please go to [Question 9](#).

! If you answer Yes to sending samples overseas, please download and complete Form9f see [Application forms: Apply for permits](#)

Section B (continued) | Activities

9. Marking, banding, tagging

9.1. Banding

Are you requesting to **band** wildlife?

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Yes

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No

9.2. Other marking

If you are proposing to mark wildlife with any other mark than a band, please describe the type of marking and details of the method to be used to attach it to ensure the animals' health and safety e.g. transmitters, transponders, paint, twink, toe clipping etc.

Mark/tag to be fitted

None

Method



Radio transmitter frequencies 160.6 MHz to 161.11 MHz (channels 48-99) must not be operated unless the Authority Holder is in possession of a separate sub-licence issued by the Department of Conservation



Use [DOC Maps](#) to view Conservation Land.



Wildlife Act Consents may apply to private land and public conservation land. If the location is private land, you will also need the consent of the landowner, or other appropriate access legislation (e.g., The Public Works Act 1981).

10. Proposed activity site(s)

Indicate what land your proposed activity includes:

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Public Conservation Land (PCL)

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Land not managed by the Department

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A mix of PCL and land not managed by DOC

Note: If a nature reserve, scientific reserve, government purpose reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary or wildlife refuge, you may need a separate entry permit. Speak to your local District Office for advice.

10.1. Activity site

Clearly identify the location/s in which your project will be carried out and why the locations/s are the best option. For all sites, include a map and GPS co-ordinates. Attach your map(s) and label them attachment B3.1 Proposed Location.

Project site is located at: 5811038, 1800628 (NZTMM) in Hamilton south. If the project is consented, vegetation loss will occur here, making this the best site to salvage lizards from. The release site is ~7km away in Hamilton west and is planned to be protected via a predator proof fence and ongoing pest control, as laid out in the Lizard Management Plan. Map including the Lizard Release Site is attached.

Section B (continued) | Activities

10.2. Why these locations?

Clearly state why these locations/s are the best option.

The Site is the location of a proposed development and lizard salvage is required to mitigate impacts upon lizards and their populations. The release site is a nearby area of similar (or better) habitat at Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park. The area is also proposed for habitat enhancement, via the construction of eco-stacks, habitat protection via the construction of a predator proof fence, and is a site of ongoing pest control maintained by Hamilton City Council.

11. Captive

Please answer if the live animal/s; specimen/s; or sample/s is to be obtained from another authorised wildlife holder, who has an authorisation to hold the species in captivity or the specimen/sample. Fill in the following information of the person from whom the animal/specimen/sample will be obtained.

Name

N/A

Address

N/A

DOC authorisation number

N/A

Expiry Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

11.1. Holding live animals

Please fill in this section if you currently hold animals in captivity and wish to continue doing so; or you wish to receive animals held in captivity at another facility; or you wish to hold animals for less than 3 months for rehabilitation.

11.2. Captive management programme

Are you part of a co-ordinated captive management programme for the species?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please state the name of the DOC captive co-ordinator and whether they support this application.

Co-ordinator's name

N/A

Supports application?

☐ Yes

☐ No

! If you are intending to receive animals from another authorised holder, ensure they have an authorisation to transfer.

! Please attach written proof of their support and label it attachment B10.4

Section B (continued) | Activities

11.3. Holding site

Provide a detailed description of the holding facility/cage including dimensions.

Holding site address:

N/A

Description of facility/cage

N/A

Note: Please attach photos as an attachment and number the attachment accordingly.

12. Management of effects

Please list all actual and potential adverse (or positive) effects of the proposed activity at the site, including effects on the target species, other indigenous species and the ecosystems at the site. Where adverse effects are identified please state what methods will be used to manage those effects.

Effect	Management method
Stress to animals	Minimise handling and stress as much as possible.
Injury	Lizard capture/supervision by skilled herpetologists.
Incidental killing	Relocation described in LMP attached.

! The applicant must meet the requirements of the DOC Captive Management SOP and the facility must meet the requirements of the husbandry manual for the species, where one exists.

! If your activity involves holding protected wildlife in captivity there are some extra requirements you must fulfil.

See [holding wildlife](#).

! If you are applying to hold specimens or parts of them, or you are applying to hold wildlife already in captivity, you do not need to answer this question.



Section C | Applicant skills and experience

Please provide relevant information relating to your ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous authorisations, membership of professional organisations and relevant qualifications and experience). List full names of all individuals who will be involved in the activity.



Please attach details and label as Attachment D.

All individuals involved in activity

Full Names

Dr Graham Ussher (RMA Ecology Ltd director; 30 years' herpetology experience - commercial, scientific). (CV Attachment D).
Selwyn Mexted (Saxby Road JV Limited).

Has the applicant or any company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the application been convicted of any offence?

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Yes

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No

If yes please provide details:

Does the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application have any current criminal charges pending before the court?

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Yes

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No

If yes please provide details:

Section D | Engagement

DOC has a responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Treaty) in all the work we do. DOC engages with whānau, hapū and iwi to make informed decisions. We actively encourage you to engage directly with local iwi, hapū, prior to applying, and build ongoing relationships.

Please attach proof of all engagement e.g., email communications or project planning meeting minutes, include a list names and contact details of iwi hapu reps you have contacted, and label as Attachment E1.0 'Iwi Engagement'.

Please provide the names and details of any other supporting information, expert views, advice or opinions obtained here. Please attach those additional written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal to support the application and label them Attachment E2.0 'Other Consultation'

! If you are unsure of any consultation requirements for your proposal, please see the [iwi consultation section](#) or contact your local DOC Partnerships office to discuss what is required.

Section E | Fees

Please note

This section only applies to applications with a commercial focus – which will include applications from registered companies. The Department does not charge fees for non-commercial Wildlife Act authorisations.

Processing fees

Section 60B of the Conservation Act contains the statutory provisions regarding processing fees.

The Department recovers all direct and indirect costs to process an application from applicants regardless of whether the application is approved or declined. If at any stage an application is withdrawn, the Department will invoice the applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point.

You may be required to pay a processing fee for this application regardless of whether your application is granted or not. You may request an estimate of the processing fees for your application. If you request an estimate, DOC may require you to pay the reasonable costs of the estimate prior to it being prepared. DOC will not process your application until the estimate has been provided to you. The processing fees are detailed on the DOC website: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/interacting-with-wildlife/>

DOC will invoice your processing fees after your application has been considered. If your application is large or complex, DOC may undertake billing at intervals periodically during processing until a decision is made. If you withdraw your application, DOC will invoice you for the costs incurred up to the point of your withdrawal.

Your application will set up a credit account with DOC. See the checklist below for the terms and conditions you need to accept for a DOC credit account.

Particularly complex applications may incur further costs – you will be sent an estimate of costs in this situation. We will contact you to advise if the fee is more than the estimated standard cost. Applicants are also entitled to request an estimate of costs at any point, but the Department may impose a charge for preparing such an estimate. Estimates are not binding.

Paying fees

The Department will ordinarily invoice the applicant for processing fees after a decision has been made on the application, but in some cases interim invoices will be issued.

Please select your method of payment below.

☐ I have direct credited the DOC account

Please use the Applicant name and permission number (which the permissions team will give to you) as the references.



☒ I do not intend to pay the fees at the time of applying and/or I require an invoice for payment

☐ I have a purchase order/number from an organisation registered with DOC

! If you are making an application for non-commercial activity, [proceed to declaration](#).

! Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

! If you are applying from outside New Zealand we can process a credit card payment – please contact us to request this procedure.

Section E (continued) | Fees

Fee waivers and reductions

The Director-General has discretion to reduce or waive processing fees. You may apply for a fee waiver or reduction if you can provide information to the permissions team about how your application meets at least one of the following criteria.

- The activity will make a direct contribution to management
- There will be other non-commercial public benefits from the activities covered by the authorisation (if approved)
- Activity covered by the authorisation (other than research, collection or educational activities) will make a contribution to the management of, or the public interest in, the lands that are covered by the authorisation

The Department may obtain further information either from the applicant or from any other relevant source in order to process the application. The applicant will be advised of any information obtained from other sources. The cost of obtaining such information will be charged to and recovered from the applicant. The applicant will be informed as soon as practicable from receipt of the application if further information is required before this application form can be fully processed by the Department.

☐ Do you intend to apply for a fee waiver?

Note: if the waiver is declined, you will be charged the cost of processing this request.

Terms and conditions: Account with the Department of Conservation

Have you held an account with the Department before?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, under what name?

Terms and conditions: Account with the Department of Conservation

1. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.
2. I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.
3. I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
4. I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.
5. I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.
6. I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions of the credit account are not met.
7. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.



Section E (continued) | Fees

Additional Fees

You may also be required to pay additional fees. These may include:

- Annual management fee to cover administration time; and/or
- Monitoring fee to cover the cost of monitoring the effects of your activity.

! Please [contact the Permissions team](#) to discuss whether these fees apply.

Section F | Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Signature (applicant)

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

! An Authorisation may be varied or revoked if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies.

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This application is made pursuant to Section/s 41(1)(g), 53; 54; 55; and/or 56 of the Wildlife Act 1953 [and (where applicable) Section/s 22; 49; 50; 51; 57; and/or 59 of the Reserves Act 1977; and/or Section/s 5; 13; 14(3) of the National Parks Act 1980; and/or 38 of the Conservation Act].

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the Wildlife Act 1953, the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 and the National Parks Act 1980 relating to authorisations.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act may require that some or all information in this application be publicly released.



Appendix 1 – Incidental killing of wildlife

When to fill out this appendix?

Fill out this appendix if you have ticked the box in form 9 to apply to salvage or incidentally kill wildlife. The killing of wildlife is incidental if it is not directly intended but is unavoidable and foreseeable when carrying out an otherwise lawful activity.

If you require more room to answer a question, submit that information as an attachment.

What is incidental killing?

Incidental killing of wildlife is defined as the killing that is unavoidable and foreseeable as a consequence of undertaking another lawful activity. It is not the same as accidental killing, which is killing that is not foreseeable.

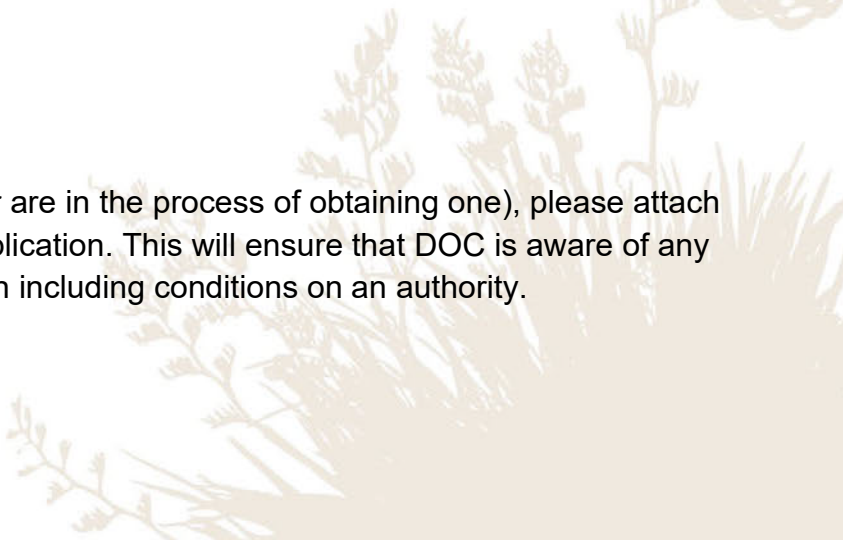
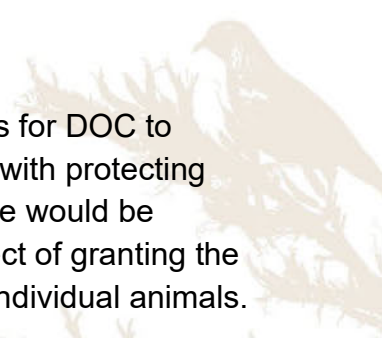
Why does DOC ask for this information?

Amendments to the Wildlife Act were made in 2025 to include considerations for DOC to determine if granting an authorisation to incidentally kill wildlife is consistent with protecting wildlife. In determining whether granting an authority to incidentally kill wildlife would be consistent with wildlife protection, DOC will consider whether the overall effect of granting the authority would be consistent with protecting wildlife populations as well as individual animals.

DOC will assess your application based on the information you have provided in the application form and any attachments. It's important that you submit a complete application with all the information that DOC requires to decide on your application. The more information you provide DOC, the quicker we will be able to reach a decision. If you have not provided DOC with sufficient information to make an informed decision, your application may be declined.

Resource consents

If you have obtained a resource consent (or are in the process of obtaining one), please attach your resource consent when lodging an application. This will ensure that DOC is aware of any other conditions you must comply with when including conditions on an authority.





Appendix 1 – Section A

1. Please provide detailed information as to how you have identified the likely presence of wildlife, including which species, that may be affected by your activities.

No native skinks were observed during field assessments by ecologists. The DOC Herpetofauna Database records indicate that copper skink (*Oligosoma aeneum*) have been found in close proximity to the site and habitat on the site is consistent with habitats used by copper skink and ornate skink (*Oligosoma ornatum*) more broadly in the Waikato rural lowlands region.

There is no habitat on the site that could support other species of ground dwelling lizard, or arboreal lizards, especially given the light industrial and rural farming history of the site, the complete removal of the original vegetation cover, and the absence of systematic pest animal control over the site.

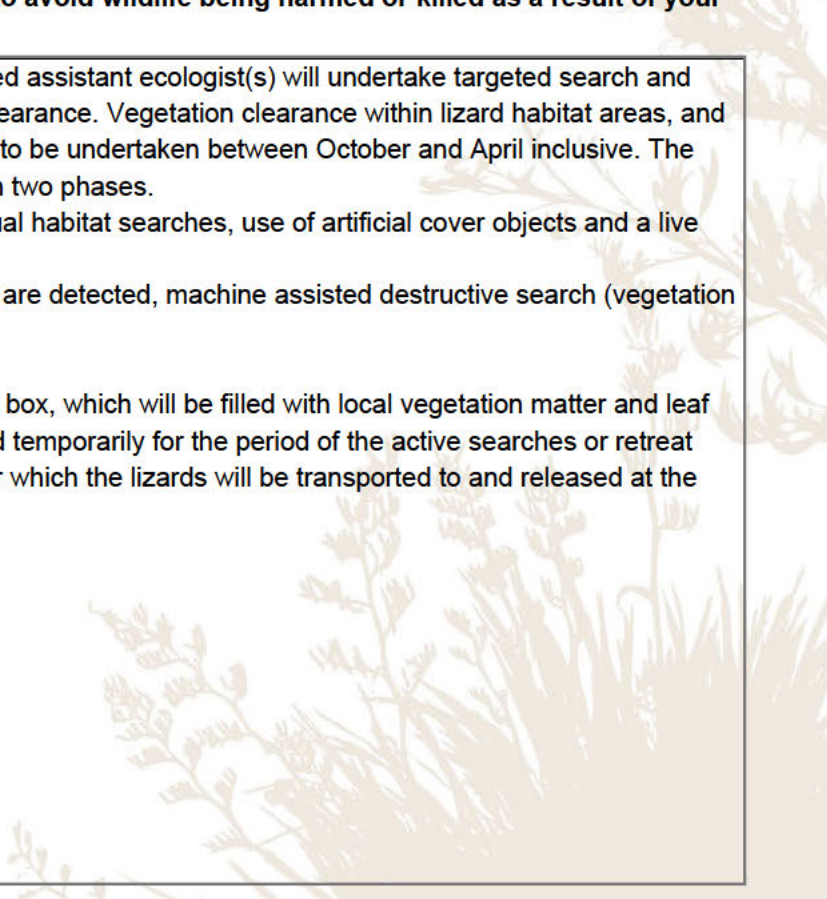
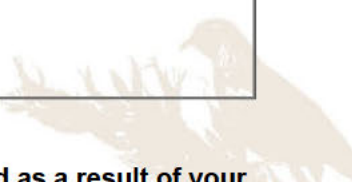
2. Please describe actions that you will take to avoid wildlife being harmed or killed as a result of your activities?

A DOC authorised herpetologist and suitably qualified assistant ecologist(s) will undertake targeted search and salvage campaigns prior to and during vegetation clearance. Vegetation clearance within lizard habitat areas, and therefore lizard search and salvage campaigns, are to be undertaken between October and April inclusive. The search and salvage campaigns will be undertaken in two phases.

Phase 1: Pre-vegetation clearance systematic manual habitat searches, use of artificial cover objects and a live capture and relocation programme.

Phase 2: Within Phase 1 areas where native lizards are detected, machine assisted destructive search (vegetation clearance supervision).

All lizards will be placed in a temporary containment box, which will be filled with local vegetation matter and leaf litter, and misted with water. Lizards will only be held temporarily for the period of the active searches or retreat inspections, or in all cases less than two hours, after which the lizards will be transported to and released at the approved relocation site.



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3. Please explain why some wildlife deaths will be unavoidable as a result of your activities, even if you take the steps outlined above to avoid this.

Complete avoidance of actual or potential adverse effects on indigenous lizards and their habitats cannot be achieved due to the proposed extent of the project design and the practical difficulty of searching for and capturing lizards at low densities.

4. Please provide information on regional threat status of wildlife species that could be affected by your activities (if you have this information available).

To our knowledge, neither copper skink or ornate skink have specific threat statuses within the Waikato Region.



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5. Please provide detailed information on what you will do to avoid, minimise, mitigate, or offset harm to any wildlife populations that could be affected by your activities.

This information should be provided in your species management plan and copied into this application form.

Managing adverse effects will involve the implementation of a lizard salvage and relocation campaign in accordance with a Wildlife Act Authorisation, combined with release site habitat enhancement and augmentation as a means of providing additional resources for released and resident indigenous lizards.

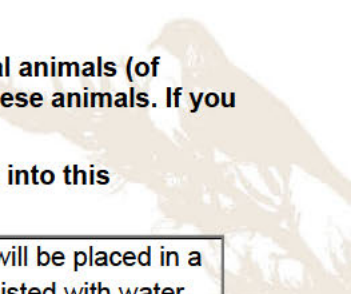
Artificial lizard refugia habitat will be constructed within the release area (Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park) using coarse wood debris/log piles to create 'eco-stacks'. Eco-stacks are designed to provide adequate refuge habitat and thermal protection for released lizards. Eco-stacks will be created under the supervision of a suitably qualified herpetologist and at a ratio of one eco-stack for every 1 lizards released. Five artificial refuge(s) are to be constructed in advance of lizard salvage, with any additional refuge required to be established concurrently with lizard release.

Predator control across the entire release site is currently ongoing and managed by Hamilton City Council, and a predator proof fence is proposed to be built on site.

6. Please provide detailed information on what you will do to avoid harming individual animals (of protected wildlife) as well as any actions to minimise, mitigate, or offset harm to these animals. If you have already described this in previous questions, you may refer to that here.

This information should be provided in your species management plan and copied into this application form.

All lizards found during salvage will only be handled by approved and qualified personnel, and will be placed in a temporary containment box, which will be filled with local vegetation matter and leaf litter and misted with water. Lizards will only be held temporarily for the period of the active searches or retreat inspections, or in all cases less than two hours, after which the lizards will be transported to and released at the approved relocation site.



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7. What conditions are you proposing to include in your application to avoid, minimise, or mitigate harm to wildlife?

Note: These could include actions that you have previously identified (e.g. to avoid harming wildlife), conditions that form part of resource consents, or any other conditions.

If any of these conditions form part of existing resource consents, please clearly identify this here.

As well as the capture, handling and pest control measures outlined above, the release site for lizards is protected from future development, due to its status as a Natural Heritage Park.

8. Please describe how you intend to comply with the conditions you have proposed or have been imposed in your resource consent (where applicable).

As professional herpetologists, we will implement the Lizard management Plan and other requirements to the best of our abilities.

The Lizard Management Plan has standards laid out that must be followed and should be given effect in consent conditions. Reporting of the salvage, and preparation of an ARDS card for DOC also ensure quality is maintained, and the salvage/ relocation is subject to independent scrutiny. Council's ecologist usually reviews the salvage report to ensure that compliance with conditions and/or LMP has been achieved.



9. If your application includes the salvaging of lizards, please describe how your application addresses the 9 principles of salvage.¹

Please see response to question 9, in section 4.2 of the attached LMP.



¹ [Key principles for lizard salvage and transfer in New Zealand](#)



Attention: Sam Le Heron (Barker and Associates)

CC: Saxby Rd JV Limited

Date: 19 August 2026

From: Chad Croft

RE: **SL1 Residential South Wildlife Act Approval FTAA information requirements**

1. INTRODUCTION

The SL1 Residential South Development Substantive application seeks a Wildlife Act approval for the management and incidental killing of native lizards. This memo outlines how the documents prepared for the proposed SL1 Residential South Development fulfil the Wildlife Act approval requirements under Section 42(4)(h) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

Specifically, the substantive application documents referred to in Table 1 below contain the relevant information required by 'Checklist E – Wildlife approval', of the FTAA Substantive Application Form, with responses presented in Table 2 below. For each response in Table 2, the document and section number that fulfils the information required is provided in bold, and a short summary is also provided where appropriate.

Table 1: Documents referred to in Checklist E (Table 2) and supplied with this Wildlife Act approval application

Document	Acronym	Document Number
Ecological Impact Assessment (Ecological Solutions 2026a)	EclA	Appendix 2Q
Lizard Management Plan (Ecological Solutions 2026b)	LMP	Appendix 2Ra
Cultural Values and Effects Assessment (Pouwhenua Consultancy Limited 2026)	CVEA	Appendix 1H

2. CHECKLIST E – WILDLIFE APPROVAL APPLICATION

Table 2: Information required for Wildlife Act approval application

Schedule 7, Clause	Information required for an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (Wildlife Act approval), clause 2 of Schedule 7	Application reference and response
2(1)(a)	Specify the purpose of the proposed activity	EclA – Section 1.2 The proposal is to develop c. 46 ha of rural farmland for residential purposes including c. 938 residential units, together with a neighbourhood commercial node, open spaces, waterbodies, and infrastructure devices including roading and stormwater ponds.
2(1)(b)	Identify the actions the applicant wishes to carry out involving protected wildlife and where they will be carried out (whether on or off public conservation land) <i>Guidance note: Under clause 2(2) if the substantive application is to be lodged by more than 1 authorised person, the reference to the applicant in subclause (1)(b) is to the authorised person who is identified in the application as the proposed holder of the wildlife approval.</i>	EclA – Sections 1.2, 5.3, and 10.2.3 LMP – Sections 3.0 and 4.0 This Wildlife Approval application does not involve any public conservation land. Vegetation clearance and earthworks within the Residential South Site (private land) will result in the removal of low – moderate quality native ground dwelling skink habitat. There is no gecko habitat on site. Unidentified skinks were seen during site visits, and a database search showed copper skink (<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>) to be present in similar habitat nearby. Parts of the site potentially provide habitat for ornate skink (<i>Oligosoma ornatum</i>) as well. Prior to commencement of vegetation clearance native skinks will be salvaged from the Residential South Site and relocated to Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park (reserve). Native skinks will be captured using a combination of systematic searches, artificial cover objects, and machine assisted searches. Habitat enhancement will be performed at the release site.
2(1)(c)	An assessment of the activity and its impacts against the purpose of the Wildlife Act	EclA Section 8.1.3 and 10.2.3 Section 8.1.3 summarises the native lizard and lizard habitat values. Section 10.2.3 summarises the effects assessment. Native lizards are absolutely protected under the Wildlife Act. This project proposes to remove vegetation that could be providing habitat to native lizards. Native lizards could therefore be killed or injured if lizards are not properly managed during vegetation removal. Other protected wildlife (e.g. birds) potentially using the same habitat will be avoided through site-specific controls.
2(1)(d)	List protected wildlife species known or predicted to be in the area and, where possible, the numbers of wildlife present and numbers likely to be impacted	EclA Section 5.3 LMP Section 2.0 No skinks were seen during manual habitat searches, though a database search showed copper skink (<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>) to be present

		in similar habitat nearby. Parts of the site could also potentially provide habitat for ornate skink (<i>Oligosoma ornatum</i>). Less than 20 individuals of each species are expected to be impacted.
2(1)(e)	An outline of impacts on threatened, data deficient, and at risk wildlife species (as defined in the New Zealand Threat Classification System)	EclA Section 5.3 LMP Section 2.0 See above. No Threatened and or 'Data Deficient' species are suspected to be on site; however, both copper and ornate skink are 'At Risk' and are potentially present.
2(1)(f)	A statement of how the methods proposed to be used to conduct the actions involving protected wildlife will ensure that best practice standards are met	LMP Section 3.0 and 4.3 The approach to lizard management will follow the key principles for lizard salvage and transfer in New Zealand (DOC 2019).
2(1)(g)	A description of the methods to be used to safely, efficiently, and humanely catch, hold, or kill the animals and identify relevant animal ethics processes:	LMP Section 3.2 All lizard handling will be performed by suitably qualified and experienced ecologists/herpetologists. Methods of salvage are systematic manual searches, artificial cover objects, and machine assisted searches. Lizards will be held in appropriate temporary containment boxes, before being moved to the release site within two hours of capture. The LMP also details measures to be undertaken in case of accidental lizard injury or death, as well as discovery of unexpected 'Threatened' taxa.
2(1)(h)	A statement of the location or locations in which the activity will be carried out, including a map (and GPS coordinates if available)	EclA Section 1.1 LMP Section 1.1 Site maps are provided in the above sections. SL1 Residential South site is located at 5811038, 1800628 (NZTMM).
2(1)(i)	A statement of whether authorisation is sought to temporarily hold or relocate wildlife	LMP Sections 3.0 and 4.0 Authorisation is sought for salvage, relocation and incidental killing of native skinks.
2(1)(j)	A list of all actual and potential wildlife effects (adverse or positive) of the proposed activity, including effects on the target species, other indigenous species, and the ecosystems at the site	EclA Section 10.0, in particular 10.2.3 Ecological effects of the development at SL1 Residential South are outlined in the EclA. This includes potential and actual effects on native skinks, with and without the proposed management measures. Potential impacts on native skinks without management are injury and incidental killing, as well as the loss of low-moderate quality habitat. Implementation of pre-clearance salvage and relocation and habitat enhancement at the release site will ensure the potential effects on lizards and lizard habitat are 'low'. Due to the cryptic nature of native skinks, incidental killing is a possibility.
2(1)(k)	Where adverse effects are identified, state what methods will be used to avoid and minimise those effects, and	EclA Section 10.0, in particular 10.2.3 LMP Sections 2.0 and 3.0

	any offsetting or compensation proposed to address unmitigated adverse effects (including steps taken before the project begins, such as surveying, salvaging, and relocating protected wildlife)	The salvage and relocation programme proposed in the EclA and described in the LMP will be used to minimise effects on lizards. No offsetting or compensation measures are proposed, as residual effects are considered low.
2(1)(l)	A statement of whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has been convicted of any offence under the Wildlife Act	None of the listed parties have been convicted of any offence under the Wildlife Act.
2(1)(m)	A statement of whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has any current criminal charges under the Wildlife Act pending before a court	None of the listed parties has any current criminal charges under the Wildlife Act pending before a court.
2(1)(n)	Provision of proof and details of all consultation, including with hapū or iwi, on the application specific to wildlife impacts	CVEA – Section 6.4.4 The CVEA summarises inputs from the Southern Links 1 Tangata Whenua Working Group (SL1 TWWG). Specifically, for native lizards (mokomoko), the SL1 TWWG highlights the importance of these species as taonga and recognises the precautionary approach taken in the LMP to the management of these species.
2(1)(o)	Provision of any additional written expert views, advice, or opinions the applicant has obtained concerning their proposal	None.

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