APPENDIX D

MT WELCOME

WILDLIFE ACT 1953

AUTHORITY TO AUTHORISE THE CAPTURE, HANDLING RELOCATION AND INCIDENTAL KILLING OF LIZARDS,IF REQUIRED,DURING VEGETATION CLEARANCE AND EARTHWORKSE WILDLIFE CONDITIONS

Condition 1: Lizard Management

a. Prior to the commencement of vegetation clearance and earthworks or any other activities with the potential to impact lizards on the site, the Consent Holder must submit a Draft Lizard Management Plan based on the document titled: *Blueprint Ecology Limited. 27 October 2026. Lizard Management Plan: Mt Welcome, Pukerua Bay*. Report prepared for Pukerua Property Group Limited Partnership. 31 pages ('Draft LMP') to the Director-General of Conservation for certification that it will assist achievement of the objective in condition 1b below, and that it contains the elements set out in Condition 1 c below.

b. The objective of the Lizard Management Plan (LMP) is to avoid, minimise, remedy, or compensate for any adverse effects of construction works on any native lizard species within the Mt Welcome Project Development Area.

c. In order to achieve the objective established by this Condition, as a minimum the LMP must contain the following elements:

   i. Identification of habitat on the site within which native lizards have previously been located ('Confirmed Areas'), and provision for employment of a search methodology that reflects the likelihood that lizards will be found in those areas if sufficient effort is made;

   ii. Identification of areas elsewhere where works are proposed to be undertaken that potentially provides habitat for native lizards, including areas of native and exotic vegetation adjacent to Confirmed areas ('Possible Areas') and employ a search methodology that reflects the potential that they might be located, subject to health and safety considerations;

   iii. Provision for upgrading of search effort if native lizards are identified in any 'Possible Area'.

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iv. Provision for a post clearance lizard search by the Project herpetologist in the identified Confirmed Areas and Possible Areas;

v. Planning and timing of lizard capture/salvage, handling, relocation and roles and responsibilities;

vi. Provision for Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to have the option of accompanying personnel seeking to capture and relocate lizards, and ensuring that Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira have not less than 10 working days' notice of same;

vii. Provision for preparation of the relocation areas already identified in the Draft LMP in order that lizards captured on the site can be relocated to suitable habitat, including by planting not less than 60% of each area in appropriate indigenous species prior to lizard release and surveying them to establish the pre-existing lizard population (if any);

viii. Provision for capturing lizards at impact sites, data collection, transport to and release at receiving sites;

ix. Provision for a suitable level of predator control measures for rats, mice, mustelids, hedgehogs, and any other pest animal identified as a risk to indigenous lizards for five years or until regular monitoring of lizards indicates the lizard population is stable, whichever is the longer, including:

a. a map of all on-site pest-control areas;

b. pest-control methods;

c. timing and frequency of pest control;

d. pest-monitoring methods;

e. measurable pest-control performance targets;

f. actions required if targets are not met;

g. responsibilities for implementation, funding and reporting; and

h. procedures for review and adaptive management. ;

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x. Implementation where practicable of cat control measures additional to those specified in condition 2 below within lizard relocation areas over the same period as in condition 1 c ix above;

xi. Provision of contingency measures addressing:

a. More native lizards being captured than anticipated, identifying how they will be safely transferred to and accommodated in the identified relocation areas;

b. Different native lizard species being captured, particularly species with an elevated New Zealand Threat Classification status, identifying how different relocation and habitat requirements will be accommodated;

c. Relocated lizards not achieving stable population levels.

xii. Post-release monitoring sufficient to identify lizard population trends within each release area and reporting to the Department of Conservation;

i. The Consent Holder must not commence vegetation clearance, lizard salvage, or lizard release within any area to which the Plan applies until that Plan has been certified by Director General of Conservation and must implement the certified Lizard Management Plan.

Condition 2: Pest Management Plan (Cats)

a. Prior to any vegetation clearance, lizard salvage, or lizard release occurring under this approval, the Consent Holder shall engage a suitably qualified ecologist to prepare a Pest Management Plan (Cats),)and submit same to the Director-General of Conservation for certification that it will assist achievement of the objective in condition 1 b above, and contains the elements set out in b below.

b. The Pest Management Plan (Cats) shall, at minimum:

i. Identify the location and number of live capture cat traps to be installed at the margin of the QEII covenant forest, and at the margin of each terrestrial and forest lizard release area identified in the LMP.

ii. Specify trap type, placement, and servicing frequency sufficient to intercept domestic, stray, and feral cats before they enter retained or created lizard habitat.

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iii. Specify protocols for handling captured cats, including scanning for a microchip, return of owned cats to their registered owner together with educational material regarding responsible cat ownership near lizard habitat, and delivery of unowned or unclaimed cats to the SPCA or an equivalent animal welfare agency in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

iv. Require trapping to be undertaken continuously for a period of not less than 10 years from the date on which works first commence within the corresponding release area or covenant margin, aligned with the term of the Wildlife Authority granted for the Project.

v. Provide for the transition of trapping responsibility to a community based predator management group (such as Pest Free Plimmerton, or an equivalent successor group) in advance of expiry of the 10 year period referred to in condition (iv), including a description of the funding, equipment, and infrastructure to be provided to support that transition where if a community based predator management group is operational at that time.

vi. Include monitoring and annual reporting requirements, to be provided to DOC for the duration of the Pest Management Plan (Cats), recording trap check frequency, the number and outcome of all captures, and any changes made under adaptive management.

vii. Include triggers and response actions for adaptive management, including a sustained increase in cat captures or evidence of cat predation on lizards at any release area or covenant margin.

c. The Consent Holder shall implement the certified Pest Management Plan (Cats) for the duration specified in condition b.iv, and shall not commence vegetation clearance, lizard salvage, or lizard release within any area to which the Plan applies until that Plan has been certified by DOC.

Condition 3: Long-term Cat Management

a. The Authority Holder must require that all domestic cats within the development be desexed and microchipped.

b. The Authority Holder must provide all residents with information about:

i. the wildlife values of the QEII and lizard management areas;

ii. the risk domestic cats pose to indigenous wildlife;

iii. the requirement for cats to be desexed and microchipped; and

iv. the need to keep cats out of the QEII and lizard management areas.

v. opportunities to minimise wandering cats.

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Condition 4: Variations

a. The Approval Holder may make amendment(s) to the LMP to provide updated information or reflect changes in design, methods or the management of effects. Any amendments must be consistent with the objective of the LMP. Amendment(s) to the LMP may be made without the need for a variation to the Approval under clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 where:

    i. The Approval Holder considers that the amendment(s) have no, or a de minimis adverse effect on the environment, or the amendment(s) is an administrative change, such as a change in contact details; and

    ii. The Approval Holder provides the revised LMP to the Department of Conservation Wellington Regional Operations Manager (wellingtonpermissions@doc.govt.nz), the Operations Manager advises in writing that the amendment(s) meets the requirements of clause (i) above.

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