

[DRAFT] Wildlife Act 1953 Approval for wildlife on non-public land

Authorisation Number: [TBC]

THIS APPROVAL is made this [11th] day of [December] 2025

PARTIES:

Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block [FTAA-2503-1037] Expert Panel under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Grantor)

AND

Stevenson Aggregates Limited (the Approval Holder)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Grantor is empowered to issue this approval in accordance with sections 81 and 42(4)(h) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 and the Wildlife Act 1953.
- B. The Approval Holder wishes to exercise the authorisation issued under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 and Wildlife Act 1953 subject to the terms and conditions of this Approval.

OPERATIVE PARTS

In exercise of the Grantor's powers the Grantor **APPROVES** the Approval Holder under section 53 (taking or killing of wildlife for certain purposes) of the Wildlife Act 1953, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Approval and its Schedules.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block [FTAA-2503-1037] Expert Panel

Catherine Somerville-Frost
Chair, Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block Expert Panel

Date: [11 December 2025]

SCHEDULE 1

1.	<p>Approved Activity (including the species, any approved quantities and collection methods)</p> <p>(Schedule 2, clause 2)</p>	<p>a) Activities approved for a certain purpose:</p> <p>i. catch alive, kill and liberate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copper skink (<i>Oligosoma aeneum</i>) • Ornate skink (<i>Oligosoma ornatum</i>) • Forest gecko (<i>Mokopirirakau granulatus</i>) • Elegant gecko (<i>Naultinus elegans</i>) • Pacific gecko (<i>Dactylocnemis pacificus</i>) <p>b) Purpose of approval:</p> <p>i. to protect lizards by way of salvage.</p> <p>c) Methodology:</p> <p>i. in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan entitled '<i>5 Lizard Management Plan</i>' (prepared by Bioresarches and dated 17 July 2025) attached as Schedule 4 to this Approval (LMP); and</p> <p>ii. in accordance with all other parts of the Ecological Management Plan entitled '<i>Proposed Sutton Block, Drury Quarry E3:9 Ecological Management Plan for: Stevenson Aggregates Limited</i>' (prepared by Bioresarches and dated 17 July 2025) (EMP) where lizards are referred to (including, without limitation, reference to their salvage, capture, relocation and release site enhancement and management).</p> <p><u>Note:</u> The LMP referenced in (c)(i) above and attached as Schedule 4 comprises section 5.0 of the EMP described in (c)(ii) above.</p> <p>d) This Approval may only be exercised by Stevenson Aggregates Limited (and, as relevant, the Authorised Personnel referenced below).</p>
2.	<p>The Land</p> <p>(Schedule 2, clause 2)</p>	<p>a) Catch alive at land not managed by the Department of Conservation at Drury, Auckland as outlined in the LMP.</p> <p>b) Liberate in release sites outlined in the LMP, or such other land within the Drury Quarry ecological enhancement areas as may be agreed in writing with the Department of Conservation.</p>

3.	Personnel authorised to undertake the Approved Activity (Schedule 2, clause 3)	a) Chris Wedding; and b) Suitably qualified personnel under the direct supervision of Chris Wedding (Authorised Personnel)
4.	Term (Schedule 2, clause 4)	Commencing on [11 December 2025] and expiring on [11 December 2040]
5.	Approval Holder's address for notices (Schedule 2, clause 8)	The Approval Holder's address in New Zealand is: Stevenson Aggregates Limited 70 Davies Road Drury Auckland Private Bag 94000 Manukau City Auckland 2241 Email: [REDACTED] Copy to: Bioresarches Level 4, 68 Beach Road Auckland Central Auckland 1140 New Zealand Phone: 09 379 9980 Email: [REDACTED]
6.	Director-General's address for notices	The Director-General's address for all correspondence is: Permissions Team Level 4 73 Rostrevor Street Hamilton, 3204 Email: permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz

SCHEDULE 2

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The Approval Holder is responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, contractors or agents. The Approval Holder is liable under this approval for any breach of the terms by its employees, contractors or agents as if the breach had been committed by the Approval Holder.
- 1.2 Where obligations bind more than one person, those obligations bind those persons jointly and separately.
- 1.3 In accordance with clauses 7(1)(a) and (b) of Schedule 7 to the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, this Approval has force and effect for its duration, and according to its terms and conditions, as a lawful authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the Wildlife Act 1953 for the act or omission for which the Approval was granted; and is treated as if it were granted under that Act.

2. What is being authorised?

- 2.1 The Approval Holder is only allowed to carry out the Approved Activity in the Land described in Schedule 1, Item 2.
- 2.2 The Approval Holder must advise the Department of Conservation's local Operations Manager(s) one week prior to any Authorised Personnel carrying out the Approved Activity.
- 2.3 Any arrangements necessary for access over private land or leased land are the responsibility of the Approval Holder. In granting this authorisation the Grantor does not warrant that such access can be obtained.
- 2.4 Authorised Personnel must have a copy of this Approval available at all times while carrying out the Approved Activity.
- 2.5 The Approval Holder may publish authorised research results.
- 2.6 The Approval Holder (or Authorised Personnel) must immediately notify the Director-General of any taxa found which are new to science. In addition, the Approval Holder (or Authorised Personnel) must lodge holotype specimens and a voucher specimen of any new taxa with a recognised national collection.

3. Who is authorised?

- 3.1 Only the Authorised Personnel described in Schedule 1, Item 3 are authorised to physically carry out the Approved Activity, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Director-General.

4. How long is the Authority for - the Term?

- 4.1 This Authority commences and ends on the dates set out in Schedule 1, Item 4.

5. What are the liabilities?

- 5.1 Stevenson Aggregates Limited agrees to exercise the Approval at the Approval Holder's own risk and releases to the full extent permitted by law the Grantor, the Director-General and the Director General's employees and agents from all claims and demands of any kind and from all liability which may arise in respect of any accident, damage or injury occurring to any person or property arising from the Approval Holder's exercise of the Approved Activity.
- 5.2 The Approval Holder must indemnify the Grantor and the Director-General against all claims, actions, losses and expenses of any nature which the Grantor or the Director-General may suffer or incur, or for which the Grantor or the Director-General may become liable arising from the Approval Holder's exercise of the Approved Activity.
- 5.3 This indemnity is to continue after the expiry or termination of this Approval in respect of any acts or omissions occurring or arising before its expiry or termination.

6. What about compliance with legislation and notices and directions?

- 6.1 The Approval Holder must comply with all statutes, bylaws and regulations, and all notices, directions and requisitions of the Director-General and any competent authority relating to the conduct of the Approved Activity. Without limitation, this includes the Conservation Act 1987 and the Acts listed in the First Schedule of that Act and all applicable health and safety legislation and regulation.

7. When can the Authority be revoked?

- 7.1 The Director-General may revoke this Approval at any time in respect of the whole or any part (pursuant to clause 7(4) of Schedule 7 to the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024).
- 7.2 If the Director-General intends to revoke this Approval in whole or in part, the Director-General must give the Approval Holder such prior notice as is reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

8. How are notices sent and when are they received?

- 8.1 Any notice to be given under this Approval by the Director-General is to be in writing and made by personal delivery, by pre-paid post or email to the Approval Holder at the address, fax number or email address specified in Schedule 1, Item 5. Any such notice is to be deemed to have been received:
 - (a) in the case of personal delivery, on the date of delivery;
 - (b) in the case of post, on the third working day after posting;
 - (c) in the case of email, on the date receipt of the email is acknowledged by the addressee by return email or otherwise in writing.
- 8.2 If the Approval Holder's details specified in Schedule 1, Item 5 change then the Approval Holder must notify the Director-General within five working days of such change.

9. What about the payment of costs?

9.1 The Approval Holder must pay the standard Department of Conservation charge-out rates for any staff time and mileage required to monitor compliance with this Approval and to investigate any alleged breaches of the terms and conditions of it.

10. Are there any Special Conditions?

10.1 Special conditions are specified in Schedule 3. If there is a conflict between this Schedule 2 and the Special Conditions in Schedule 3, the Special Conditions will prevail.

11. Can the Approval be varied?

11.1 The Approval Holder may apply to the Director-General for variations to this Approval in accordance with clauses 7(2) and 7(3) of Schedule 7 to the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

12. Death of wildlife associated with salvage activities

12.1 If any lizards should die during the approved activities of catch, transfer or liberate, the Approval Holder and Authorised Personnel (as relevant) must:

- (a) inform the Auckland DOC Operations Manager (auckland@doc.govt.nz) within 48 hours, chill the body if it can be delivered within 72 hours, or freeze the body if delivery will take longer than 72 hours; and
- (b) send the body to Massey University Wildlife Postmortem Service for necropsy or as otherwise advised by the Auckland DOC Operations Manager, along with details of the animal's history; and
- (c) pay for any costs incurred in investigation of the death of any lizard; and
- (d) if required by the Auckland DOC Operations Manager, cease the Approved Activity for a period determined by the DOC Operations Manager.

12.2 For the avoidance of doubt condition 12.1 applies to lizard deaths that are associated with salvage activities, and does not apply to incidental deaths that occur during construction activities. The purpose of clause 12.1 is to ensure the methodologies and practices for catch, transfer and liberate are functioning successfully and to require investigation in the event that deaths occur during salvage activities.

13. Euthanasia

13.1 If any lizards are found injured as part of the Approved Activity, the Authorised Personnel are authorised to euthanise injured lizard(s).

SCHEDULE 3 – Special Conditions

1	<p>Adhere to approved application</p> <p>Stevenson Aggregates Limited must comply with the LMP, and all other relevant parts of the EMP where lizards are referred to (including, without limitation, reference to their salvage, capture, relocation and release site enhancement and management). The LMP is attached as Schedule 4 to this Approval.</p>
2	<p>The DOC Operations Manager for Auckland (auckland@doc.govt.nz) is to be contacted immediately for further advice if native lizards other than those listed in Schedule 1 are located within the site. A separate application to catch alive, liberate or kill non-authorised native lizard species will be required.</p>
3	<p>Lizard capture and handling</p> <p>Lizards must only be handled by Authorised Personnel (being Chris Wedding, or suitably qualified personnel under his direct supervision).</p>
4	<p>Lizard capture, handling and relocation should be undertaken at a suitable time of year, October – April, when the temperature is between 12-22 degrees Celsius, as advised by a suitably qualified and experienced herpetologist.</p>
5	<p>Capture and handling of lizards must involve only techniques that minimise the risk of infection or injury to the animal.</p>
6	<p>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/</p>
7	<p>The Approval Holder must ensure that 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.</p>
8	<p>The Approval Holder must ensure that all live capture traps, (e.g., pitfall traps and G-minnow traps), are checked at least every 24 hours.</p>
9	<p>The Approval Holder must ensure that any instruments that come in contact with lizards and/or that are used to collect or measure lizards are sterilised between each location. A separate holding bag must be used for each animal. All gear should be thoroughly cleaned and dried between sites.</p>
10	<p>The Approval Holder must ensure that 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.</p>
11	<p>The Approval Holder is strongly encouraged to ensure that current best practice hygiene protocols are adhered to when sites of known native frog populations are visited, to avoid the spread of pest organisms such as chytrid fungus.</p>
12	<p>If required in writing by the Director-General, the Approval Holder must ensure that improvements to techniques (including catching, handling, releasing, preserving and storing) are made, and take such other steps as directed by the Director-General.</p>
13	<p>Lizard Salvage Reporting</p> <p>A report summarising the outcomes of lizard salvaging must be submitted in writing to the DOC Operations Manager for Auckland (auckland@doc.govt.nz) and permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz within three months of the end of any calendar year within which salvage has been undertaken. Each report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Project name; (b) The species and number of any animals collected and released; (c) The GPS location (or a detailed map) of the collection point(s) and release point(s);

	<p>(d) The results of all surveys, monitoring or research; and</p> <p>(e) A description of how the LMP was implemented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Any difficulties encountered with capture and handling; (ii) How release sites were assessed; (iii) Post-release monitoring; and (iv) What contingency actions (if any) were required.
14	<p>Completed Amphibian and Reptile Distribution System (ARDS) cards for all herpetofauna sightings and captures (Report a sighting: Amphibian and reptile species sightings and observations (doc.govt.nz)) must be sent to Herpetofauna, Department of Conservation, National Office, PO Box 10420 Wellington 6143 or herpetofauna@doc.govt.nz, within three months of the end of any calendar year within which salvage has been undertaken.</p>

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SCHEDULE 4 – Lizard Management Plan (LMP)

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