WILDLIFE APPROVAL

THIS AUTHORITY is made this [Date] day of [Month] 2026

PARTIES:

The Director-General of Conservation and the Minister of Conservation (the **Director-General**)
NZSki Limited (the **Wildlife Approval Holder**)

BACKGROUND

A. The Director-General of Conservation and the Minister of Conservation are empowered to issue authorisations or consents for specified acts under the Wildlife Act 1953.

B. The Wildlife Approval Holder proposes to undertake upgrades to the existing Remarkables Ski Area and expand the ski field into the adjacent Doolans Basin. The Project includes all construction, operation and maintenance activities associated with the construction, upgrade, operation and maintenance of the existing and expanded ski areas, and all associated remediation works.

C. The Wildlife Approval Holder has applied for a wildlife approval under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 in relation to the Project.

D. A wildlife approval granted under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 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.

E. This wildlife approval under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 in relation to the Project was granted by an expert panel on [add date].

OPERATIVE PARTS

The Wildlife Approval Holder has been authorised by an expert panel under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 to undertake the activities specified in this approval, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this approval and its schedules.

SCHEDULE 1: AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1.	**Authorised activity** (Schedule 2, clause 2)	The activities authorised are: ~~a)~~ the disturbance of, and incidental injury and killing of, McCann's skink (*Oligosoma maccanni*) arising from vegetation clearance, earthworks and associated construction activities. Methodology: a) As set out in the Lizard Management Plan (prepared by e3 Scientific dated 14 May 2026) or an amended LMP certified through the conditions below.
2.	**The Land** (Schedule 2, clause 2)	As shown on the map in Schedule 5.
3.	**Personnel authorised to undertake the Authorised Activity** (Schedule 2, clause 3)	A suitably qualified and experienced practitioner (SQEP) approved by the Department of Conservation with expertise relevant to the protected wildlife species concerned and other persons under the direct supervision of the SQEP.
4.	**Term** (Schedule 2, clause 4)	[insert date of approval] to [insert date 15 years from date of approval].
5.	**Wildlife Approval Holder's address for notices** (Schedule 2, clause 8)	The Wildlife Approval Holder's address for notices is: NZSki Limited PO Box 359 Queenstown 9300 New Zealand Phone: 0800 697 547 [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: askpermissions@doc.govt.nz

Commented [MD1]: DOC amendment accepted.

SCHEDULE 2: STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE APPROVAL

1. Interpretation

1.1 The Wildlife Approval Holder must provide a copy of these conditions to its employees, contractors or agents carrying out the Authorised Activity and explain the obligations under the conditions.

1.2 Where obligations bind more than one person, those obligations bind those persons jointly and separately.

2. What is being authorised?

2.1 The Authorised Activity may only be carried out on the Land described in Schedule 1, Item 2.

2.2 Any arrangements necessary for access over private land or leased land are the responsibility of the Wildlife Approval Holder.

2.3 The Wildlife Approval Holder must advise the Department of Conservation's local Operations Manager(s)(queenstown@doc.govt.nz) prior to carrying out the Authorised Activity in the District (where possible, one week prior), when the Wildlife Approval Holder intends to carry out the Authorised Activity.

2.4 A copy of this Approval must be available on site at all times while carrying out the Authorised Activity.

2.5 The Wildlife Approval Holder must immediately notify the Director-General of any taxa found which are new to science. In addition, the Wildlife Approval Holder 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 carry out the Authorised Activity, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Director-General.

4. How long is the approval for – the Term?

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

5. What are the liabilities?

5.1 The Wildlife Approval Holder agrees to exercise the approval at its own risk and releases, to the full extent permitted by law, 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 Wildlife Approval Holder's exercise of the Approval.

5.2 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 Director-General's notices and directions?

6.1 The Wildlife Approval Holder must comply with all statutes, bylaws and regulations, and other

statutory instruments associated with the Land. 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. Can the Authority be revoked?

7.1 The Director-General may revoke this Authority at any time in respect of the whole or any part of the Authorised Activity (pursuant to clause 7(4) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024) if the Wildlife Approval Holder breaches any of the conditions of this Authority.

7.2 If the Director-General intends to revoke this Authority in whole or in part, the Director-General must give the Wildlife 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 Wildlife Approval Holder at the address, 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 3rd working day after posting;

(c) in the case of email, on the date the email is sent provided the email is sent before 5 pm, otherwise it is deemed to have been received at 9 am on the next working day.

8.2 If the Wildlife Approval Holder's details specified in Schedule 1, Item 5 change then the Wildlife Approval Holder must notify the Director-General within 5 working days of such change.

9. What about the payment of costs?

9.1 The Wildlife 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. In the event of inconsistency or conflict, the Special Conditions will prevail over this Schedule 2.

11. Can the approval be varied?

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

SCHEDULE 3: SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. General

1.1 The Authorised Activity must be carried out in accordance with the documents listed in Schedule 1, Item 1 and in the application to the extent it relates to the Wildlife Approval.

2. Amendments to the Lizard Management Plan

2.1 The Wildlife Approval Holder may make minor amendments to the LMP at any time.

2.2 The Wildlife Approval Holder must submit, in writing, any minor amendment(s) to the certified management plan to the Director-General at least ten (10) working days prior to when the works associated with the amendment are to be implemented. The Wildlife Approval Holder must maintain a record of all minor amendments.

2.3 For the purposes of this condition 2, a 'minor amendment' is either:

(a) a small change to the content of the LMP which has either no or a de minimis adverse environmental effect, or

(b) is a change which would result in an improved environmental outcome.

3. Euthanasia

3.1 If any lizard(s) are found injured as part of the Authorised Activity, advice must be sought from the Authorised Person on management of the lizard(s). Injured lizard(s) may be euthanised on the recommendation of the Authorised Person or a veterinarian.

4. Incidental Discovery

4.1 The DOC Operations Manager for Whakatipu (queenstown@doc.govt.nz) is to be contacted immediately for further advice if protected wildlife other than those listed in Schedule 4 are located within the Site or within the release site. A separate application to catch alive, liberate or kill non-authorised species will be required.

5. Reporting

5.1 An annual report of the activities authorized by this permit must be submitted in writing to the DOC Operations Manager for Whakatipu (queenstown@doc.govt.nz) and askpermissions@doc.govt.nz by 30 June each year. All reporting must include:

(a) the project name;

(b) the GPS location (or detailed map) of the area of vegetation clearance or earthworks disturbance undertaken;

(c) a description of how the LMP was implemented;

(d) The number and species of any species incidentally injured or euthanized lizards as part of the Authorised Activity.

6. Ownership of protected wildlife

6.1 All 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.

6.2 Unless expressly authorised by the Director-General in writing, the Wildlife Approval Holder must not donate, sell or otherwise transfer to any third party any wildlife collected or otherwise obtained under this approval.

7. Review and re-certification

7.1 The Wildlife Approval Holder must review the LMP and resubmit it to the Director-General for certification on or before each date that is the 5th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the Approval date, unless the Wildlife Approval Holder notifies the Director-General in advance of the relevant anniversary that it has completed the Authorised Activity and is no longer relying on this approval. The purpose of the review is to reassess habitat conditions and characteristics and update the LMP to reflect current species knowledge, best practice management and mitigation techniques.

8. Compensation

8.1 The Wildlife Approval Holder must undertake avoidance, remediation, mitigation, offsetting and compensation measures for lizards in accordance with the resource consent conditions for the Remarkables Ski Area Upgrade and Doolans Expansion Project.

Commented [MD2]: NZSki has accepted DOCs suggestion to include a compensation condition and drafted a proposed condition that is consistent with other FTA approvals including the Southland Wind Farm Project. NZSki accepts the suggestion to include a compensation condition as long as compensation conditions are consistent with, and refer back to, the proposed compensation resource consent conditions (as proposed).

SCHEDULE 4: LIZARDS THAT THE WILDLIFE APPROVAL HOLDER IS AUTHORISED TO DISTURB, INJURE OR KILL

Common name	Scientific name	NZ threat classification[1]
McCanns skink	*Oligosoma maccanni*	Not Threatened

[1] Based on "Conservation status of reptiles in Aotearoa New Zealand, 2025".

SCHEDULE 5: MAP OF THE LAND COVERED BY THE APPROVAL

