Authorised Activity

1. The wildlife approval is for the capture, handling, and release of northern grass skink (Oligosoma polychroma) provided that all reasonable steps are taken to avoid incidental deaths in accordance with the Lizard Management Plan (LMP) dated 30 October 2026 prepared by Boffa Miskell and submitted with the application.
2. The incidental killing of native lizards listed in Condition 1 above, is authorised, provided that all reasonable steps are taken to avoid incidental deaths in accordance with the LMP.
3. This wildlife approval is valid for 10 years from the date of commencement of this Approval.

Personnel authorised

4. Lizards must only be handled by Ellen Richardson, Tim Currie, Vincent Jeon, Matt Turner, Amanda Healy or Katherine Muchna or by others under the direct supervision of a SQEP.

Lizard Management Plan

5. All works relating to lizard fauna, including capture, handling, marking and relocation must occur in accordance with the LMP.
6. The objective of the LMP is to avoid, minimise, remedy, or compensate for any adverse effects of construction works on any native lizard species within the Site.

Variations

7. The Approval Holder may apply to the Director-General of Conservation for variations (beyond minor variation) to this Approval in accordance with clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
8. The Approval Holder may make minor variation(s) to the LMP to provide updated information or reflect changes in design, methods or the management of effects. Any variations must be consistent with the objective of the LMP. Minor variation(s) may be made without the need for a variation under clause 7(2) of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 where:
    a. The Approval Holder considers that the minor variation(s) have no, or a de minimis adverse effect on the environment, or the variation(s) is an administrative change, such as a change in contact details; and
    b. The Approval Holder provides the revised LMP to the Wellington Regional Operations Manager (wellingtonpermissions@doc.govt.nz), the Operations Manager advises in writing that the variation meets the requirements of clause (a) above.

Reporting

9. A report summarising the salvage and relocation results must be prepared and submitted to DOC (wellingtonpermissions@doc.govt.nz) and Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust by 30 June for any lizard management that occurred in the preceding year. This report will include:
    a. details and results of lizard salvage and relocation work including:
        i. photos of lizard salvage methods utilised;
        ii. photos of lizards captured (including photos of the salvage and relocation areas);
        iii. a map showing the location of lizard upon capture and upon release;
        iv. the species and number of any lizards detected, captured, and released, and the results of all surveys and monitoring.

b. descriptions of how lizard management activities outlined in the LMP were followed, including conditions detailed in this Approval;

c. an Amphibian and Reptile Distribution Scheme (ARDS) card detailing information relating to captured lizards (also to be provided to herpetofauna@doc.govt.nz); and,

d. a brief summary regarding the outcomes of the LMP, including any improvements/changes that should be implemented in future.