

Takitimu North Link Stage 2 – Proposed Wildlife Approval Conditions (~~October~~ December 2025)

DEFINITIONS

The table below defines the acronyms and terms used in the Wildlife Approval conditions. Defined terms are capitalised.

Abbreviation/term	Meaning/definition	
Approval Holder	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	
Authorised Activity	To catch alive and relocate Lizards for the purpose of protecting the Lizards by way of salvage, and the incidental killing of Lizards.	
Construction Works	Activities undertaken to construct the Project, excluding Enabling Works.	
Designation	Designation D203 (Road purposes – State Highway 2) which includes an alteration to D203 extending its footprint over D181 (Road for access to State Highway 2) in the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan.	
Designation Boundary	The boundary of the area of land subject to the Designation.	
DOC	Department of Conservation – <u>[to insert relevant contact]</u>	
Enabling Works	Preparatory works and investigations to enable Construction Works, including the following activities: • Archaeological investigations • Geotechnical investigations • Formation of access for site investigations • Establishing construction yards and offices • Constructing and sealing (if necessary) access roads and accesses to private properties and the Project • Contaminated land investigations • Demolition or removal works, including contaminated land clearance • Fencing • Vegetation protection or removal works • Investigation, protection and relocation of utilities • Establishment of mitigation measures (such as screen planting) for Enabling Works	
Lizards	Common Name(s)	Scientific name

Abbreviation/term	Meaning/definition
	Copper skink Oligosoma aeneum Ornate skink O. ornatum Moco skink O. moco Striped skink O. striatum Crenulate skink O. robinsoni Shore skink O. smithi Forest Gecko Mokopirirakau granulatus Pacific gecko Dactylocnemis pacificus Raukawa gecko Woodworthia maculatus Elegant gecko Naultinus elegans
Project Works	All Enabling Works and Construction Works.
Release Area	The Te Puna Quarry park release site, which is an approximately 5 ha area within land at 110 Quarry Road (Parcel ID 4370151).
SQEP	Suitably Qualified Experienced Person - a person (or persons) who can provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate their suitability and competence in the relevant field of expertise.
Working Day	A day of the week other than— (a) Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day; and (b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday; and (c) a day in the period commencing on 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.

WA1 The Approval shall expire 20 years after the date the Approval is granted.

WA2 (a) The Approval Holder shall prepare a **Lizard Management Plan (LMP)**. The purpose of the LMP is to reduce the injury and mortality of Lizards within the areas of vegetation clearance associated with the Project, and to support the creation and enhancement of habitats lost.

(b) The LMP shall be prepared by a SQEP, follow best practice in terms of hygiene and animal welfare, and include:

- (i) Identification of suitable Lizard habitats;
- (ii) Survey and monitoring requirements for Lizards prior to, during and after completion of Project Works;
- (iii) Translocation methods, including requirements to undertake salvage before and during vegetation clearance;
- (iv) Protocols for:

1. Lizard disease and pest management;
2. Incidental discovery;
3. Kill and harm minimisation; and
4. Incidental death associated with salvage.

- (v) Measures for involvement of Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka in implementing the Authorised Activity;
- (vi) Measures for the creation and enhancement of Lizard habitat within the Release Area; and
- (vii) Reporting requirements.

(c) At least 10 Working Days before submitting the LMP to DOC in accordance with WA2(d), the LMP shall be provided to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka for review and comment. The Approval Holder shall consider any written feedback received from Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka prior to providing the LMP to DOC, as required in WA2(d), and incorporate suggestions from the written feedback as the Approval Holder considers appropriate. The LMP shall include a summary of written feedback received from Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka and outline how feedback has been incorporated into the LMP and, if not, the reasons for that.

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(d) At least 20 Working Days before starting Project Works, the LMP shall be provided to DOC for certification that the LMP satisfies the requirements of WA2(a) and (b).

(e) The certified LMP shall be implemented and complied with for the duration of Project Works.

(f) The Approval Holder may update the LMP by submitting the amended LMP in writing to DOC in accordance with WA2(d).

(g) If the LMP (or amendment) required under these conditions has been submitted to DOC for certification, and 20 Working Days has passed, and DOC has not certified the LMP (or amendment), or advised that the LMP (or amendment) is not suitable to certify, the LMP will be deemed to have been certified and the Approval Holder may commence Project Works in accordance with the LMP (or amendment) as submitted.

Advice note: the application documents contain a draft LMP which will be finalised through this condition.

WA3 The Authorised Activity shall be carried out:

- (a) By a SQEP;
- (b) In accordance with the LMP;
- (c) At a suitable time of year, when Lizards are active, as advised by a SQEP; and
- (d) For catch / capture, within the Designation Boundary, and for relocation, within the Release Area.