

VALUING OUR ENVIRONMENT - LIZARDS



Copper Skink

SEARCHES HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE TO FIND AND RELOCATE ANY NATIVE SPECIES OF LIZARD SO CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN IN THE GULLIES.

Searches include night searches using spotlights (spotlight searches), placing artificial cover objects to act as cover for the lizards (ACO searches) and physically searching in potential habitats (destructive searches).

A lizard habitat has been constructed out of rocks, branches and soil found

within the gully. It has been built outside of the main expressway alignment in the Mangaonua Gully.

The enclosure is pest controlled using small gas powered traps that run on a timer and reset function. The lizard friendly habitat is enclosed behind a 1.8 metre high mesh fence.

Pest control will occur for ten years, but the 1.8 metre high fence will be removed one year after construction is complete.

Target species of lizard include the copper skink, speckled skink, green gecko, forest gecko and the pacific gecko.



The lizard habitat

Lizard spotlighting



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