



SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Minutes Attachments

Meeting Date: Thursday 6 March 2025

Time: 1.00pm – 2.09pm (*Open*)
3.05pm – 3.30pm (*Public Excluded*)

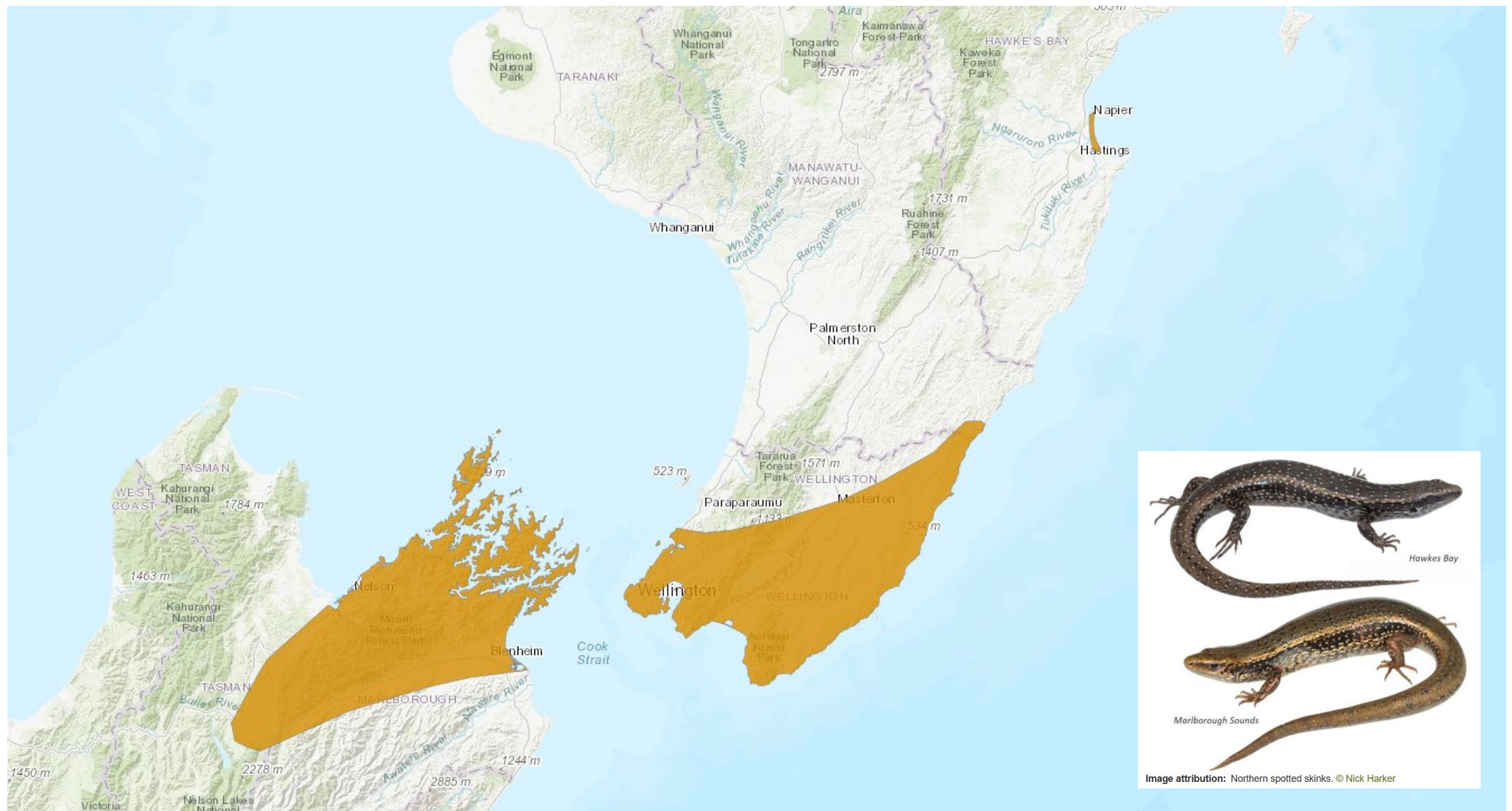
Venue: Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

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Partners



Timeline

- **2021** – HBRC survey for spotted skinks across 30 km of coastline from Whirinaki to Clifton
- **2022** – HBRC webpage set up for public to submit sightings of skinks
- **2023** – Engagement of residential properties close to known habitat; BHB contestable funding secured (\$7.5k)
- **2024** – sanctuary design finalized; QS work; commenced some schools and community engagement
- **2025** – DOC permit progression; construction?



NEW ZEALAND / ENVIRONMENT

Native skinks cause cost blowout for Porirua sewage tank

10:17 am on 22 May 2024

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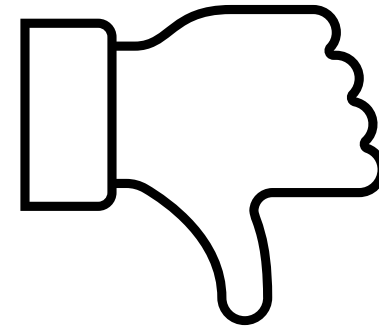


A northern grass skink (file image). Photo: Supplied / Andy McKay

Physical works commenced on the project when northern grass skinks were found

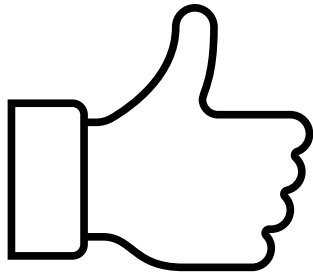
Led to contractor standdown period and has delayed practical completion by at least six months

Contributing factor to a \$12m cost increase



Protective measures outlined in Lizard Management Plan

Temporary holding area in larger 230-hectare sanctuary to allow for acclimatisation prior to full release in sanctuary



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Vulnerable skinks make journey from construction site to sanctuary

6:38 pm on 21 October 2024

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