

# New South Wales (2016-17)

## PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PEST ANIMAL AND WEED MANAGEMENT IN DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS

### PART 1 – PROJECTS

- B1 The Commonwealth will contribute to NSW Local Land Services' prioritised pest and weed programs, which will help manage pest animals and weeds in drought-affected areas.
- B2 Activities will include:
- i. infrastructure projects including:
    1. cluster fencing;
    2. total grazing pressure fencing; and
    3. water-point traps.
  - ii. strategic projects for vertebrate pest and weed management including:
    1. baiting;
    2. shooting;
    3. toxin injectors;
    4. traps; and
    5. the use of remote cameras for monitoring and optimising pest control.
  - iii. emerging issues projects that address pest animals and weeds that have the potential to have an increasing impact on production including:
    1. control of Boxthorn in the Western division;
    2. exclusion fencing and traps for the control of feral deer populations; and
    3. local eradication of isolated large feral herbivore populations (feral donkeys, deer and camels).
- B3 Funding will be targeted to areas NSW considers to be most in need (i.e. long-term drought-affected areas), including Central Tablelands, Central West, Hunter, Murray, North Coast, North West, Northern Tablelands, Riverina and Western.

### PART 2 – PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- B4 Table 1 summarises the milestone for the project, its relationship to the outputs and expected payment to be made once a report demonstrating that the milestone has been met is received.

Table 1: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Milestone	Date due	Payment
NSW Local Land Services' prioritised pest and weed programs in drought-affected areas.	Provision of annual report demonstrating progress against or the completion of agreed activities, including the information required under clause 16(a) to (f) of the Agreement as appropriate.	30 April 2017	\$0.5 million

### PART 3 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- B5 The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to New South Wales of up to \$0.5 million in respect of this Agreement for the 2016–17 financial year. All payments are GST exclusive.
- B6 The Commonwealth's and the State's estimated financial contribution to the operation of this Agreement including through National Partnership payments to the State paid in accordance with *Schedule D – Payment Arrangements of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*, are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	2016-17	Total
Estimated total budget	0.5	0.5
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	0.5	0.5
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0

### Sign off

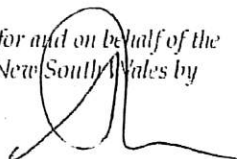
The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Niall Blair MP  
Minister for Primary Industries

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