

Victoria (2016-17)

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

PART 1 – PROJECTS

- C1 The Commonwealth will contribute to Victoria’s Roadside Weeds and Pest Management Program, which will help manage pest animals and weeds in drought-affected areas.
- C2 Activities will include:
- i. regional council projects for:
 1. treating “regionally prohibited” weeds on municipal roadsides;
 2. controlling and preventing the spread of “regionally controlled” weeds and the control of rabbits on municipal roadsides that align with DEDJTR compliance project areas and/or support community-led weed and pest control activities;
 3. follow-up treatment works for projects funded in councils’ previous roadside weed and rabbit control plans;
 4. control activities for “regionally controlled” weeds and rabbits on roadsides that support other investment for integrated landscape protection projects or address particular community concerns;
 5. control activities for “Restricted Weeds” on roadsides where there has been demonstrated widespread community concern.
- C3 Funding will be targeted to areas Victoria considers to be most in need (i.e. long-term drought-affected areas) including Buloke, Yarriambiack, Loddon, Northern Grampians, Horsham, Hindmarsh, Gannawarra, Pyrenees, Central Goldfields, West Wimmera and Ararat.

PART 2 – PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

- C4 Table 1 summarises the milestones for the project, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, and expected payments to be made once a report demonstrating that milestones have been met is received.

Table 1: Milestones, reporting and payment summary

Output	Milestone	Date due	Payment
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PART 3 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- C5 The Commonwealth will provide a total financial contribution to Victoria of up to \$0.5 million in respect of this Agreement for the 2016–17 financial year. All payments are GST exclusive.
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(\$ million)	2016-17	Total
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Sign off

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash
 Acting Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

The Honourable Jaala Pulford MLC
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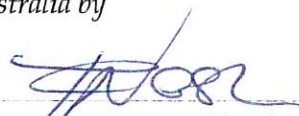
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28/6/ 2017

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The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
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