

National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

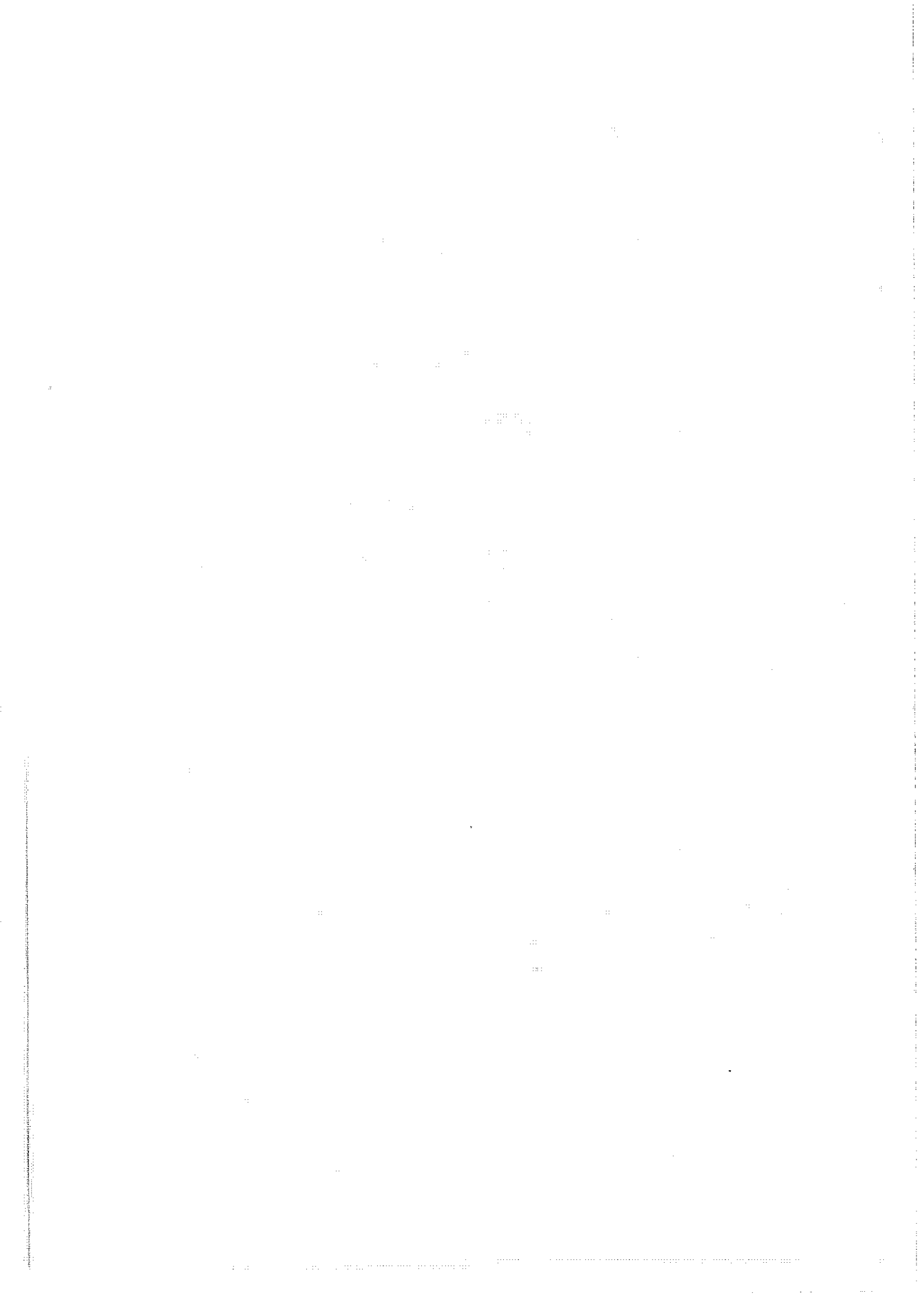
1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program from 2014-15 to 2016-17 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Victoria, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program is a Category 2 plant pest under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the National Management Group in 2010.
3. The emergency response plan (Department of Environment and Primary Industries Chestnut blight Response Plan (Version 14 July 2014)) and budget is approved by the National Management Group in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. Financial commitments are approved by the National Management Group subject to jurisdictional budgetary considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria.
7. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Victorian ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management and expires on 30 June 2017 or on completion or termination of the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program as determined by the National Management Group, including the final report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
8. This Schedule replaces the Schedule on the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program which was agreed on 26 June 2014.

PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

9. The project elements for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program are as follows:
 - (a) Maintain the two-year host free period including:
 - I. Monitoring of infected properties where host material has been removed for quarterly host plant regrowth and ensuring this material is burnt on removal
 - II. Survey remaining host material within each quarantine area twice annually



- iii. Survey the rest of the restricted area and a selection of high risk groves once annually over two-years.
- (b) Completion of the final third year survey of newly re-planted and established plantings including a selection from the restricted area and from high risk groves to confirm proof-of-freedom status.

10. To qualify for the associated payment, Victoria must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
2013-14 Annual Report demonstrating progress made towards the above project elements.	May 2015	\$71 931
2014-15 Annual Report demonstrating progress made towards the above project elements.	April 2016	\$88 200
Final report demonstrating completion of outputs under the agreed eradication response plan.	April 2017	\$76 200

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 11. Victoria will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above and the report will be provided to the National Management Group as required.
- 12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EPPRD.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to Victoria for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

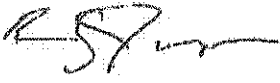
	2014-2015 (\$)	2015-16 (\$)	2016-17 (\$)	Total Budget
Commonwealth contribution	47 954	58 800	50 800	157 554
Chestnuts Australia ¹	23 977	29 400	25 400	78 777
Total Commonwealth liability	71 931	88 200	76 200	236 331

¹ Where the Industry Party is not able to meet its cost sharing obligations either directly, or from funds held on its behalf, the Commonwealth will initially meet that Industry Party's Cost Sharing obligations as set out in section 10.4.2 of the EPPRD. Each Industry Party will meet its cost sharing obligations to the Commonwealth, arising as a consequence of the Commonwealth meeting Industry Party obligations pursuant to clause 10.4.2, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the EPPRD (Section 10.4.3).

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

Signature 

Date 3-6-15

The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

Signature 

Date 24/6/15

The Honourable Jaala Pulford MLC
Minister for Agriculture