

National Four Tropical Weeds Eradication Programme 2015-16 to 2017-18

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the national four tropical weeds eradication programme from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contribution to Queensland, the combatant state for this eradication programme.
2. The national four tropical weeds eradication programme is being conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement-like (NEBRA-like) response as agreed by the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in 2009.
3. The emergency *Response Plan for the Eradication of Four Tropical Weeds 2015-2018* is approved by National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) in accordance with the NEBRA on 2 December 2015.
4. The financial commitments are approved by the Agricultural Ministers Forum (AGMIN) subject to budget considerations. The 2015-16 to 2017-18 budget was approved by the AGMIN on 19 April 2016.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the national four tropical weeds eradication programme in accordance with the provisions of the NEBRA.
6. This Schedule continues Schedule C for the national four tropical weeds eradication programme for 2014-15 signed 30 June 2015.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

7. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Queensland.
8. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Queensland ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management. It will expire on 30 June 2018, or upon completion or termination of the national four tropical weeds eradication programme as determined by the NBMG, including endorsement of the final project report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

9. The project elements of the eradication programme are described in the *Response Plan for the Eradication of Four Tropical Weeds 2015-2018*. Queensland is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:

- (a) *Surveillance and Treatment*
 - i. Focus on monitoring for the presence and absence of the five target weed species, determine the extent of the infestation area and apply best practice methods to control plant populations.
- (b) *Research*
 - i. Providing accurate information on the control methods, local ecology, reproductive biology, seed bank dynamics, detection and dispersal of the target species in invaded ecosystems.
- (c) *Community engagement*
 - i. Re-engaging the broader community to help identify any undetected plants, investigating utilising a public reporting incentive scheme for the target species, implement media campaigns, investigate establishing a community reference group, training workshops and update and improve extension materials.

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Annual progress report (2014-15) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	May 2016	\$1,342,000
Annual progress report (2015-16) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	April 2017	\$1,225,500
Annual progress report (2016-17) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	April 2018	\$1,295,000

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 11. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
- 12. Reporting may also be required under the NEBRA arrangements.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the national four tropical weeds eradication programme is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.


Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Commonwealth	\$1,342,000	\$1,225,500	\$1,295,000

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*



Date 8-8-16

Signature

**The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources**

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland
by*



Date 8/6/16

Signature

**The Honourable Leanne Donaldson MP
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries**