

Schedule F

National Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait 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 exotic fruit fly in Torres Strait eradication programme from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contribution to Queensland, the combatant state for this eradication programme.
2. The national exotic fruit fly in Torres Strait eradication programme is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the National Management Group (NMG) on 4 November 2015.
3. The emergency response plan *Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait response plan (Issue 1.0) 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2018* and budget is approved by the NMG in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. Financial commitments are approved by the NMG subject to budget considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the eradication programme in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.
6. This Schedule replaces the previous Schedule F for the Long Term Containment Strategy for Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait signed March 2016.

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 on completion or termination of the eradication programme as agreed by the NMG, including the endorsement of the final progress 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 for the eradication programme are described in the *Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait Response Plan (Issue 1) 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2018*. Queensland is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 - a. *Monitoring and trapping*
 - i. Through the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS), the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources undertakes year-round monitoring and trapping on the Torres Strait Islands targeting six exotic fruit fly species. This trapping activity is supported by border quarantine and public awareness activities undertaken by NAQS.

b. *Incursion Response*

- i. Proactive block placement on the northern Torres Strait Islands to annihilate male fruit flies is undertaken at an agreed point in each season by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Once monitoring trap catches exceed agreed numbers on various islands, bait spraying and additional trapping are implemented on the affected islands by NAQS on behalf of the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestone	Due date	Payment
NMG agreement on and commencement of the Response Plan	May 2016	\$326,850
Annual progress report (2015-16) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	April 2017	\$245,981
Annual progress report (2016-17) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	April 2018	\$245,981

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 EPPRD arrangements.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the national exotic fruit fly in Torres Strait 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.
14. 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 an 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 (10.4.3).

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Commonwealth	\$163,986	\$163,986	\$163,986
Industry ^(a)	\$76,418	\$81,995	\$81,995
Total	\$240,404	\$245,981	\$245,981

(a) Industry parties to the eradication programme include: Apple and Pear Australia Limited, Australian Banana Growers' Council, Australian Mango Industry Association, Australian Processing Tomato Research Council, Australian Table Grape Association, AUSVEG (2016-17 and 2017-18 only), Avocados Australia, Canned Fruit Industry Council Australia, Cherry Growers Australia, Citrus Australia, Dried Fruits Australia, Summerfruit Australia and Wine Grape Growers of Australia.

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



Date 5-5-16

Signature

The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



Date 7/6/16

Signature

The Honourable Leanne Donaldson MP
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries