

National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Programme – Brisbane Airport 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 red imported fire ant eradication programme – Brisbane Airport from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Queensland. The Commonwealth is the combatant jurisdiction and has sought Queensland's services to deliver the activities associated with this eradication programme on Commonwealth land.
2. The national red imported fire ant eradication programme – Brisbane Airport is being conducted under the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA) as agreed by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) on 17 December 2015.
3. The emergency response plan *National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Programme - Brisbane Airport 2015* and budget is approved by the NBMG in accordance with the NEBRA.
4. Financial commitments are approved by NBMG subject to budget considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the national red imported fire ant eradication programme – Brisbane Airport in accordance with the provisions of the NEBRA.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Queensland.
7. 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 red imported fire ant eradication Brisbane Airport programme as determined by the NBMG, including 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

8. The project elements of the eradication programme are described in the *National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Programme – Brisbane Airport 2015 response plan*. Queensland is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 - (a) *Surveillance*
 - i. Surveillance will be divided into 3 zones: 500 metres, 2 kilometres, and 2-5 kilometres (distances measured from the initial infestation site).

- ii. Visual delimitation surveillance of all suitable habitat in the 2 kilometres surveillance zone (total of 1300 hectares) and odour detection dog surveillance in high risk areas (estimated 150 hectares).
 - iii. Targeted surveillance in high risk areas in the 2-5 kilometres targeted surveillance zone.
 - iv. Post treatment validation surveillance of a 100 metres buffer around any infestation by odour detection dogs.
 - v. Post treatment validation surveillance 12 weeks after the final treatment in the 500 metres treatment zone and another 12 weeks after the first successful post treatment validation by odour detection dogs.
- (b) *Treatment*
- i. Scheduled series of prophylactic chemical treatments and surveillance as per the response plan
- (c) *Proof of freedom*
- i. Surveillance to confirm the destruction of the infestation in a 100 metre buffer surrounding known infestation 12 weeks after destruction.
 - ii. Surveillance in the 500 metre treatment zone conducted approximately 12 weeks after the final treatment round.
 - iii. Second round of surveillance in the 500 metre treatment zone conducted approximately 12 weeks after the first surveillance.
- (d) *Community engagement*
- i. A distribution of a flyer to households and businesses in the suburbs neighbouring the infestation notifying that fire ants have been found in the area and request to check their yards for fire ants.
 - ii. Distribution of 'Stop the spread-fire ants found in your area' brochure to suburbs within the proposed restricted area.
 - iii. Engagement and industry liaison work with industry and the public including public briefings, display and events, school education activities, media and electronic signage.
- (e) *Science*
- i. Scientific and technical support including such activities as diagnostic services, genetic analysis and technical advice on risk management.
- (f) *Support services*
- i. Spatial and mapping services, information/data management, management of budget and financial systems, logistical support and administrative services as required.

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
NBMG agreement and commencement of on Response Plan	May 2016	\$274,290
Annual progress report (2015-16) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	April 2017	\$107,925
Annual progress report (2016-17) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	April 2018	\$74,905

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

10. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above and to the NBMG as required.

11. Reporting may also be required under the NEBRA arrangements.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

12. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the national red imported fire ant – Brisbane Airport 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	\$274,290	\$107,925	\$74,905

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 5-5-16

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**