

# Mosquito control and cross border liaison in the Torres Strait Protected Zone

## PROJECT AGREEMENT ON HEALTHCARE AND DISEASE PREVENTION IN THE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

1. This Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 11(a) of the Project Agreement on Healthcare and Disease Prevention in the Torres Strait Islands. It will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and Queensland sign it and will expire on 30 June 2020 or on completion of the project, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties. It continues the Project Agreement for the Torres Strait Health Protection Strategy – mosquito control and cross border liaison in the Torres Strait Protected Zone.
2. The outputs of this Schedule will be:
  - Control of Aedes albopictus in the Torres Strait*
    - (a) surveillance, control and elimination, if possible of *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes at the main population and transport hubs of the Torres Strait to prevent the spread and establishment of *Aedes albopictus* from the Torres Strait to mainland Australia;
    - (b) increasing awareness in Torres Strait communities regarding dengue fever, Zika virus and other mosquito borne diseases, including through increased community activity in controlling container-breeding mosquitoes; and
  - Torres Strait Communications Officer*
    - (c) effective two-way information and data sharing between Queensland and Papua New Guinea (PNG) in regard to communicable diseases and other health issues which may arise from cross border movements in the Torres Strait Protected Zone.
3. Control of *Aedes albopictus* in the Torres Strait will be achieved through the following activities:
  - (a) monitoring and responding to current distributions of *Aedes albopictus* in the Torres Strait region;
  - (b) applying, developing and evaluating best-practice control tools to prevent the expansion of *Aedes albopictus* beyond the Torres Strait;
  - (c) increasing stakeholder activity in controlling container-breeding mosquitoes in the region through organisations such as the Torres Strait Council, which will raise community awareness and mobilisation and organise clean-up campaigns;
  - (d) collaborating with a range of partners to improve knowledge in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area regarding the prevention of mosquito-borne diseases including the Environmental Health and Vector Control section of the Torres and Cape, the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council and the local newspaper, *Torres News*;

- (e) eliminating *Aedes albopictus* when detected inside the “cordon sanitaire” area (Thursday Island and Horn Island) or on the mainland; and
  - (f) regular steering/advisory meetings by the expert Technical Advisory Group.
4. Communication and liaison services will be coordinated by a Torres Strait Communications Officer and include the following activities:
- (a) maintaining regular communication channels with cross-border stakeholders including: the Commonwealth Department of Health (Torres Strait Cross Border Health Issues Committee (HIC) Secretariat), the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Queensland Department of Health, PNG National Department of Health and Western Province administration and health officials to improve knowledge of health issues which may arise from cross border movements in the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ);
  - (b) monitoring of trends and emerging health risks with cross-border stakeholders, including on-the-ground information on communicable diseases from PNG and the Torres Strait, on an on-going basis as well as during communicable disease outbreaks;
  - (c) facilitating with cross-border stakeholders the exchange of clinical and surveillance data and other relevant health information associated with the movement of traditional inhabitants in the TSPZ, including the follow up of PNG nationals treated for infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV; and
  - (d) attending, actively participating in and providing timely advice to HIC meetings, and assisting in the implementation of HIC measures, including the development of appropriate disease surveillance activities and communication protocols.
5. Table 1 summarises the milestones for the project, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the annual performance report demonstrating the relevant milestone has been met.

**Table 1: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Outputs	Milestones	Report due	Payment
In accordance with clause 2 of this Schedule	Activities delivered in accordance with clauses 3 and 4 of this Schedule over the 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 period	30 April 2018	\$1.001m
	Activities delivered in accordance with clauses 3 and 4 of this Schedule over the 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 period	30 April 2019	\$1.016m
	Activities delivered in accordance with clauses 3 and 4 of this Schedule over the 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 period	30 April 2020	\$1.032m

6. Queensland will provide performance reports in accordance with Table 1 during the operation of this Schedule. Each performance report is to contain a description of actual performance and information that demonstrates achievement of the outputs by Queensland in the period to date against the project milestones, and is to include details of any matter(s) that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how Queensland proposes to resolve this/these matter(s).

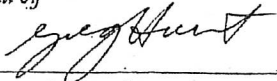
7. Queensland will prepare a final performance report within 30 days of the completion of the project reporting in accordance with clause 6 of this Schedule on activities delivered over the 1 April to 30 June 2020 period.
8. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Queensland of \$3.049 million in respect of this Schedule. All payments are GST exclusive.
9. The Commonwealth's and Queensland's estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Schedule, including through National Partnership payments to Queensland paid in accordance with *Schedule D — Payment Arrangements* of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations, are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Estimated financial contributions**

(\$ million)	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>1.001</b>	<b>1.016</b>	<b>1.032</b>	<b>3.049</b>
Control of <i>Aedes albopictus</i> in the Torres Strait	0.804	0.816	0.830	2.450
Torres Strait Communications Officer	0.197	0.200	0.202	0.599
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	1.001	1.016	1.032	3.049
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by*

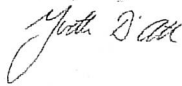


**The Honourable Greg Hunt MP**  
Minister for Health

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



**The Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP**  
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29/6/2017