

National Red Imported Fire Ant Western Australia Eradication Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Western Australia Eradication Program from 2019-20 to 2021-22 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Western Australia, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Red Imported Fire Ant Western Australia Eradication Program is being conducted under the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA) as agreed by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) on 13 December 2019.
3. Financial commitments are approved by the NBMG subject to budget considerations. The *Response Plan for Solenopsis invicta, Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) at the Fremantle Port, Western Australia* (the Response Plan) budget was approved on 13 December 2019 in accordance with the NEBRA.
4. If required, this Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the eradication program in accordance with the provisions of the NEBRA.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Western Australia.
6. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Western Australian ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management and will expire on 30 June 2022, or upon on completion or termination of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Western Australia Eradication Program as determined by the NBMG, including 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

7. The project elements for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Western Australia Eradication Program are described in the Response Plan. Western Australia is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 - (a) *Surveillance:*
 - i. Surveillance will be conducted over three zones; 0-2, 2-4 and 4-6 kilometres from the two Infested Premises (IPs).
 - ii. Specific and general surveillance activities will be conducted. This will include targeted surveillance with trained surveillance officers, baited lures, RIFA odour detector dogs and ant sampling for diagnostic determination.

- iii. All priority premises in the 0-2 kilometre Quarantine Area (QA) will be identified, mapped and subject to specific surveillance activities.
- iv. Six rounds of random surveillance of residential properties within QA will be conducted over the course of the Response Plan.
- v. Six rounds of post treatment validation surveillance will occur within the 0-2 kilometre QA.

(b) *Treatment:*

- i. Treatment includes the use of fipronil spray and insect growth regulators. The Response Plan includes six rounds of treatment within the 500 metre treatment area for two identified IPs, and any additional IPs identified through surveillance.

(c) *Community engagement:*

- i. The community engagement plan to inform the local community of current and future activities.

(d) *Science:*

- i. Technical support such as diagnostic services and genetic analysis as necessary. No additional research is proposed.

(e) *Containment:*

- i. Manage the Quarantine Area Notice (QAN) and associated movement conditions applied to RIFA risk material from the QA.

8. To qualify for the associated payment, Western Australia must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
2019-20		
NBMG agreement and commencement of the Eradication Response.	May 2020	Up to \$273,623
2020-21		
Annual progress report (2019-20) and 1 st half yearly report (2020-21) endorsed by the National Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee (NBMCC), demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	February 2021	Up to \$257,002
2021-22		
Annual progress report (2020-21) and 1 st half yearly report (2021-22), endorsed by the NBMCC, demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed response plan.	February 2022	Up to \$107,559

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 9. Western Australia will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
- 10. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the NEBRA.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

11. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Western Australia Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST:

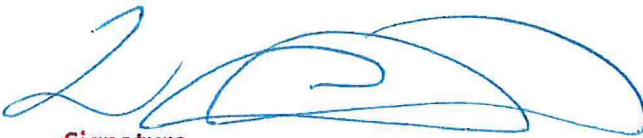
Table 2: Agreed financial contributions

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Commonwealth	\$273,623	\$257,002	\$107,559	\$638,184

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

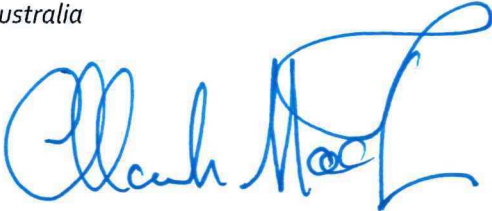


Signature

**The Honourable David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management**

Date 8.6.20

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia



Signature

**The Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports**

Date 21.7.20