

National Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait Eradication Program

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 Program Response Plan 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2026* and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contribution to Queensland, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait Eradication Program is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the National Management Group (NMG) on 28 June 2021.
3. If required, this schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.
4. This schedule continues schedule F for National Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait Eradication Program for 2017-18 to 2020-21 signed on 9 October 2019.

Part 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Queensland.
6. 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 2027 or upon completion or termination of the National Program as determined by the NMG, 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 eradication program are described in the *National Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait Eradication Program Response Plan 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2026* (the Response Plan)
8. Queensland is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 1. *Pre-emptive activities* - A pre-emptive blocking (male annihilation technique) and protein baitspray program on islands where annual incursions are considered probable (northern islands).
 2. *Reactive activities* - When operational thresholds (outlined in the Response Plan) are activated by pre-determined numbers of target fruit flies caught in monitoring traps, blocking will be conducted on the affected islands as well as additional bait spraying

and trapping for a period of 12 weeks after the last target fly has been detected to ensure eradication is achieved. The bait spraying and additional trapping are implemented on the affected islands by the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy on behalf of the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

3. *Community engagement* - A Communications Plan for the Response Plan will be jointly developed during the first year of this Response Plan. An ongoing community engagement program operates in Torres Strait, through local Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment officers, including utilising local indigenous ranger groups, and the Communications Plan will complement this activity.

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestone	Due date ^(a)	Payment
2021-22		
NMG agreement that the 2018-2021 response plan was successfully implemented, and agreement to a new response plan for 2021-26.	October 2021	Up to \$446,358
2022-23		
Annual progress report including financial expenditure reporting (2021-22) endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	October 2022	Up to \$465,409
2023-24		
Annual progress report including financial expenditure reporting (2022-23) endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	October 2023	Up to \$428,145
2024-25		
Annual progress report including financial expenditure reporting (2023-24) endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	October 2024	Up to \$434,664
2025-26		
Annual progress report including financial expenditure reporting (2024-25) endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	October 2025	Up to \$475,531
2026-27		
Final report including financial expenditure reporting (2025-26 and 2026-27) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory completion of the eradication program. 2. Financial Review of the Response Plan endorsed by the NMG.	December 2026	Up to \$30,000

- (a) Payments for milestones will be made in the financial year that the milestone report is received.

Part 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

10. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
11. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought by the Commonwealth, CCEPP or NMG in accordance with the EPPRD.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

12. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the National Exotic Fruit Fly in Torres Strait Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 2. All payments are exclusive of GST.
13. 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 subsequently 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 (Section 10.4.3).

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Commonwealth	\$297,572	\$310,273	\$285,430	\$289,776	\$317,020	\$20,000	\$1,520,071
Industry^(a)	\$148,786	\$155,136	\$142,715	\$144,888	\$158,510	\$10,000	\$760,036
- Apple and Pear Australia	\$23,731	\$24,744	\$22,763	\$23,110	\$25,282	\$1,595	\$121,226
- Australian Banana Growers' Council	\$20,904	\$21,797	\$20,051	\$20,357	\$22,271	\$1,405	\$106,785
- Australian Grape and Wine	\$1,339	\$1,396	\$1,284	\$1,304	\$1,427	\$90	\$6,840
- Australian Lychee Industry Ass.	\$74	\$78	\$71	\$72	\$79	\$5	\$380
- Australian Mango Industry	\$5,431	\$5,662	\$5,209	\$5,288	\$5,786	\$365	\$27,741
- Australian Melon Ass.	\$2,232	\$2,327	\$2,141	\$2,173	\$2,378	\$150	\$11,401
- Australian Processing Tomato Research Council	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
- Australian Table Grape Ass.	\$595	\$621	\$571	\$580	\$634	\$40	\$3,040
- AUSVEG	\$28,195	\$29,398	\$27,044	\$27,456	\$30,040	\$1,895	\$144,027
- Avocados Australia	\$13,912	\$14,505	\$13,344	\$13,547	\$14,822	\$935	\$71,063

- Canned Fruit Industry Council Australia	\$818	\$853	\$785	\$797	\$872	\$55	\$4,180
- Cherry Growers Australia	\$6,919	\$7,214	\$6,636	\$6,737	\$7,371	\$465	\$35,342
- Citrus Australia	\$33,923	\$35,371	\$32,539	\$33,034	\$36,143	\$2,280	\$173,288
- Dried Fruit Australia	\$74	\$78	\$71	\$72	\$79	\$5	\$380
- Passionfruit Australia ^(b)	\$818	\$853.25	\$785	\$797	\$872	\$55	\$4,180
- Summerfruit Australia	\$9,820	\$10,239	\$9,419	\$9,563	\$10,462	\$660	\$50,162
Total	\$446,358	\$465,409	\$428,145	\$434,664	\$475,531	\$30,000	2,280,107

^(a) All industry parties to this eradication program have been included above. The Commonwealth will only underwrite those that request underwriting.

^(b) Passionfruit Australia were not a party to the 2018-21 Response Plan.

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

Date 7.3.22

**The Honourable David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia**

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



Signature

Date 23/03/2022

**The Honourable Mark Furner MP
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries**