

National Electric Ant Eradication Program

PROJECT AGREEMENT ON PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 December 2024.
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this Schedule is to support the delivery of the two-year strategy designed to find and eradicate all unknown electric ant infestations within an intensive timeframe, mitigating the risk of further spread.</p> <p>The activities under this schedule continue and build on work undertaken under Schedule B for the National Electric Ant Eradication Program (the Program) between 2017-18 to 2021-22, with a further intensive strategy for the period 2022-23 to 2023-24.</p>
Project Elements	<p>Queensland will deliver the actions set out in the <i>National Electric Ant Eradication Program Response Plan: Version 5</i> (the Response Plan), which was approved by the National Management Group (NMG) on 23 June 2022.</p> <p>The Response Plan increases Program capacity through additional staffing and re-invigorated community engagement messaging to ensure proactive surveillance activities are conducted effectively and awareness of electric ant throughout the agreed area of interest is increased. Since first defined in 2016–17 for proof of freedom spatial modelling, risk areas within the area of interest have been redefined using up-to-date Program knowledge and data. The principal components of the Response Plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Program activities to ensure full operational capacity by January 2023. • Proactive surveillance activities to ensure that all unknown infestations within the area of interest in Far North Queensland are detected. • Completion of eradication activities on current and future infestations detected during the proactive surveillance period. • Compliance activities to ensure movement controls are applied effectively and monitored. • Analysis and publication of Program data. • Scientific trials to support operational activities. • Diagnostic services. • Training for key stakeholders on electric ant surveillance methods (luring), and basic identification tools.

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The agreed maximum financial contributions to the National Electric Ant Eradication Program are outlined in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.</p> <p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$4,574,934.00 in respect of this Schedule, payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 2 and the additional terms.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="368 488 794 528">(\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="794 488 1002 528">2022-23</th> <th data-bbox="1002 488 1209 528">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="1209 488 1501 528">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="368 539 1501 580">Estimated total budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="368 591 1501 663"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 674 794 714">Commonwealth</td> <td data-bbox="794 674 1002 714">2.3</td> <td data-bbox="1002 674 1209 714">2.3</td> <td data-bbox="1209 674 1501 714">4.6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	Total	Estimated total budget				<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>				Commonwealth	2.3	2.3	4.6
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Program will be conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement-like (NEBRA-like) response. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Reporting obligations are set out in Table 2, but circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the NEBRA-like arrangements if requested by the National Management Group. 2. Each party will contribute funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the Agriculture Ministers' Meeting on 9 September 2022. 3. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Electric Ant Eradication Program and decisions by the National Management Group. 																

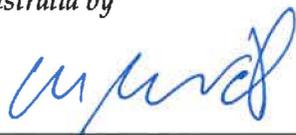
Table 2: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

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

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<i>Implementation of a strategy to find and eradicate all unknown electric ant infestations in Queensland, mitigating the risk of further spread.</i>	Milestone 1 – 2022-23 Agriculture Ministers agreement to the 2022-23 to 2023-24 response plan and associated cost-sharing arrangements.	April 2023	Up to \$2,267,036.00 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 2 – 2023-24 Annual progress report (2022-23) endorsed by the National Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee (NBMCC) as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	Feb 2024	Up to \$2,307,898.00 subject to the additional terms.

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

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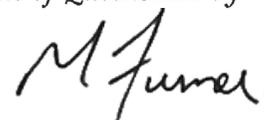


Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



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

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