

National Browsing 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 Browsing Ant Eradication Program - Western Australia from 2018-19 to 2021-22 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contribution to Western Australia, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Browsing Ant Eradication Program - Western Australia is being conducted under the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA), as agreed by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) on 27 February 2019.
3. Financial commitments are approved by the NBMG subject to budget considerations. The *Lepisiota frauenfeldi* (Browsing ant) response plan Western Australia (the Response Plan) budget was approved on 27 February 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 2023, or upon completion or termination of the National browsing ant eradication program Western Australia 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 Browsing Ant Eradication Program - Western Australia are as described in the *Lepisiota frauenfeldi* (Browsing ant) Response Plan Western Australia Response Plan. Western Australia is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 - (a) *Surveillance*
 - i. Surveillance of high risk premise such as industrial areas, refuse and waste recycle centres, freight yards and landscaping and nursery industries. Surveillance is undertaken by hand collection, lures and traps and detection dogs.
 - ii. Delimiting surveillance of at risk locations such as waste transfer stations, transport companies, mining and agricultural operations, earthmoving and equipment hire companies, sentinel sites, etc.

- iii. Tracing surveillance at high risk premises that have direct association with previous infested sites, handle plant material, handle internationally operative containers and handle the dumping of green-waste and other landscaping materials.
 - iv. Proof of freedom surveillance will continue for two years after the last detection following the completion of the treatment regime.
- (b) *Treatment*
- i. Treatment regime consists of infestations is one baiting treatment, followed two to three weeks later with a spray treatment.
- (c) *Community engagement*
- i. The communications plan includes targeted and tailored community engagement strategies. Two citizen science Ant Blitz campaigns are included in this strategy, as well as a community awareness kit for businesses and a school engagement 'School of Ant' program.
- (d) *Research*
- i. Genetic analysis will be conducted as per the response plan. The budget also includes funds to sequence the full mitochondrial genome of a representative from each of the Australian incursions which will be added to the public database.
8. To qualify for the associated payment, Western Australia must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
2018-19		
NMG agreement to the 2018-19 to 2021-22 response plan and National Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee (NBMCC) agreement that all known infestations of browsing ant in Western Australia have been treated and surveillance of at risk premises has been completed.	June 2019	Up to \$444,678
2019-20		
2018-19 Annual report endorsed by the NBMCC demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	September 2019	Up to \$481,551
2020-21		
2019-20 Annual report endorsed by the NBMCC demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	September 2020	Up to \$442,102
2021-22		
2020-21 Annual report endorsed by the NBMCC demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan.	September 2021	Up to \$64,999

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

9. Western Australia will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
10. An efficiency audit will be conducted at the end of the response and a review point has been included at the end of 2019-2020.
11. Western Australia will provide a final report demonstrating completion of the eradication program in 2021-22 within three months of completion of operational requirements of the Response Plan including demonstration of completion of outputs under the agreed Response Plan.
12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the NEBRA.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

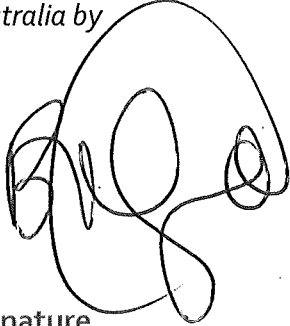
Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Commonwealth	\$444,678	\$481,551	\$442,102	\$64,999

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

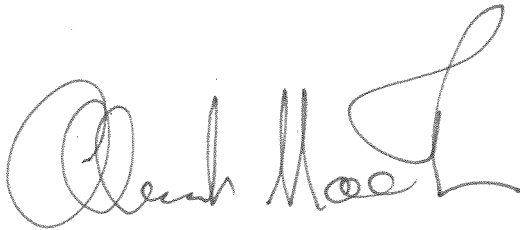


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Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Agriculture

Date 30/6/2019

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia by



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The Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC
Minister for Agriculture and Food

Date 14/8/2019

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