

National Browsing Ant Queensland Eradication Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Browsing Ant Queensland Eradication Program from 2018-19 to 2020-21 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contribution to Queensland, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Browsing Ant Queensland Eradication Program is being conducted under the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA), as agreed by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) on 21 June 2019.
3. Financial commitments are approved by the NBMG subject to budget considerations. The *Lepisiota frauenfeldi* (Browsing ant) at the Port of Brisbane, Queensland Response Plan (the Response Plan) budget was approved on 21 June 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 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 and will expire on 30 June 2022, or upon completion or termination of the National browsing ant Queensland 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 Browsing Ant Queensland Eradication Program are as described in the Response Plan. Queensland is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:
 - (a) *Surveillance:*
 - i. Surveillance to delimit the current infestation via visual surveillance, luring (hand collection) and odour detection dogs.
 - ii. Tracing investigations to identify and survey high risk premises linked to the infested site.
 - iii. Post-treatment surveillance through visual surveillance and luring (hand collection) upon completion of the treatment cycle at 2, 3 and 6 months and validation surveillance by odour detection dog 1-2 years to confirm area freedom.

- (b) *Treatment:*
 - i. Treatment regime consists of cover spray of infestations and associated material. This treatment is repeated 1 month later. Insect Growth Regulator (IGR) to be applied September 2019 and again in April 2020.
- (c) *Community engagement:*
 - i. Community engagement, education with industry and community stakeholders to promote awareness of the pest and to encourage reporting of suspected cases, and compliance with legislative requirements.
- (d) *Research:*
 - i. Genetic analysis will be conducted as per the Response Plan. This will determine if there is relatedness between this incident and others in NT and WA. This data will inform risk analysis for this species in the future.

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

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
2018-19		
NBMG agreement to the 2018-19 to 2020-21 Browsing Ant at the port of Brisbane, Queensland eradication response plan. As per NBMG resolutions, delimiting surveillance completed and initial treatment commenced.	July 2019	Up to \$53,019
2019-20		
Progress report endorsed by the National Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee (NBMCC) as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	May 2020	Up to \$97, 513
2020-21		
Progress report endorsed by the NBMCC demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	May 2021	Up to \$18,938

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 9. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
- 10. Queensland will provide a final report demonstrating completion of the eradication program in 2020-2021 or within three months of completion of operational requirements of the Response Plan including demonstration of completion of outputs under the agreed Response Plan.
- 11. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the NEBRA.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

12. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the National Browsing Ant Queensland 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: Estimated financial contributions

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Commonwealth	\$53,019	\$97,513	\$18,938

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



Date 24.2.20

Signature

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

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

Date

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

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