

# National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program – 2019-20 to 2020-21

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program for 2019-20 to 2020-21 including a transition to management phase and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to Victoria, the combatant state for this program.
2. The National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the National Management Group (NMG) on 25 November 2010.
3. Financial commitments are approved by the NMG subject to budget considerations. The *Chestnut Blight Response Plan – Transition to management phase* (the Response Plan) budget was approved on 19 December 2019 in accordance with the EPPRD.
4. If required, this Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the eradication program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

5. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Victoria.
6. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Victorian ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management, and will expire on 30 June 2021, or upon completion or termination of the National Chestnut Blight Eradication 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.
7. This Schedule replaces the Schedule on the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program which was agreed on 11 September 2018.

## PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

8. The project elements for the National Chestnut Blight Eradication Program are as described in the Response Plan. Victoria is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:

- (a) Enhance the awareness of the chestnut industry and the broader community in the management of chestnut blight through the delivery of an effective communications and engagement program.
- (b) Develop a sustainable and effective industry-led surveillance program that supports ongoing on-property management of chestnut blight and pest status claims.
- (c) Enable the effective management of chestnut blight by industry members, land managers and the community.
- (d) Identify roles and responsibilities for the ongoing management of chestnut blight and develop the capability that is required to ensure the program can be delivered in a long term, sustainable manner.

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

**Table 1: Milestones**

Milestones	Due date	Payment
<b>2019-20</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarterly progress report (2019-20) endorsed by the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the agreed Response Plan	May 2020	Up to \$100,800
<b>2020-21</b>		
Final report, endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating completion of outputs under the agreed Response Plan.	May 2021	Up to \$87,000

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 10. Victoria will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above.
- 11. Victoria will provide a final report demonstrating completion of the program including the transition to management phase in 2020-21 within three months of completion.
- 12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EPPRD.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the National Chestnut Blight 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.
- 14. 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 that 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**

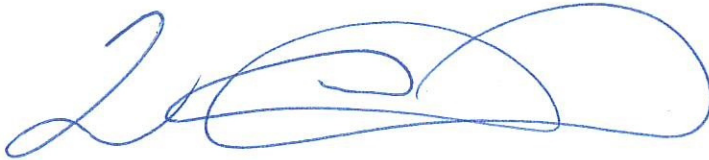
	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Commonwealth	\$67,200	\$58,000	\$125,200
Chestnuts Australia	\$33,600	\$29,000	\$62,600

Total	\$100,800	\$87,000	\$187,800
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## 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*



9.6.20

**Signature**

**Date**

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

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by*



**Date** 22/10/2020

**Signature**

**The Honourable Jaclyn Symes MP  
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture; Resources**