

# National Browsing Ant Western Australia Eradication Program

## PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>											
Parties	Commonwealth Western Australia										
Duration	<p>This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2024.</p> <p>For the purposes of Clause 10 of the <i>Project Agreement for Pest and Disease Preparedness Programs</i>, this Schedule also expires if the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) determines that the <i>Lepisiota frauenfeldi</i> (Browsing Ant) Response Plan (the Response Plan) should be terminated early. However, in those circumstances this Schedule still allows for the processing of any payments for milestones met up to termination.</p>										
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of activities to complete the eradication of Browsing Ant from Western Australia.										
Project Elements	<p>Western Australia will deliver the actions set out in the revised version 3.1 of the Response Plan, which was approved by the NBMG on 14 June 2023 and builds on previous work undertaken as part of past versions of the Response Plan.</p> <p>The aim of the Response Plan is to monitor the new five infestations, re-treat Infested Premises (IPs) (if required) and undertake tracing and surveillance to determine if any further infestations are present.</p> <p>The Response Plan covers activities to confirm Proof of Freedom and complete the final financial audit.</p>										
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The agreed maximum financial contribution for the National Browsing Ant Western Australia Eradication Program is outlined in Table 1 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 2. All payments are exclusive of GST.</p> <p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$171,846 in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Table 1</th> <th>2022-23</th> <th>2023-24</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Maximum Australian Government Contribution to State/Territory</td> <td>\$149,346</td> <td>\$22,500</td> <td>\$171,846</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: this differs to financial year of payment.</p>			Table 1	2022-23	2023-24	Total	Maximum Australian Government Contribution to State/Territory	\$149,346	\$22,500	\$171,846
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Additional terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="375 161 1474 403">1. The Program will be conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA) response.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="454 280 1474 403">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 arrangements.</li></ol></li><li data-bbox="375 448 1474 1299">2. Each party will contribute funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the NBMG on 14 June 2023.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="454 571 1474 739">2.1. Final contributions will be based on actual expenditure and determined by the custodian (the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) in accordance with the NEBRA and the Response Plan.</li><li data-bbox="454 784 1474 952">2.2. The Commonwealth's maximum potential payments are set out in the Table 2 milestones but, where applicable, will be adjusted to match the Commonwealth's share of actual expenditure as determined under additional term 2.1.</li><li data-bbox="454 996 1474 1299">2.3. The Commonwealth Minister may, at their discretion, move all or part of an underspend against a milestone in a financial year to a milestone in another financial year. Such a circumstance may arise where the NBMG has agreed that the Response Plan can be varied to include additional cost-shared activities, or extend duration, without increasing the overall maximum contribution under this schedule.</li></ol></li><li data-bbox="375 1344 1474 1424">3. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the Browsing Ant Western Australia and decisions by the NBMG.</li></ol>
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**Table 2: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Activities to complete the eradication of Browsing Ant from Western Australia	<b>Milestone 1 – 2022-23</b> Annual progress report 2022-23 endorsed by the National Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee (NBMCC) as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan Or Final (Proof of Freedom) report endorsed by the NBMCC.	December 2023	Up to \$149,346 subject to the additional terms.
	<b>Milestone 2 – 2023-24</b> Final financial acquittal and financial audit provided to the National Biosecurity Management Group.	January 2024	Up to \$22,500 subject to the additional terms.

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

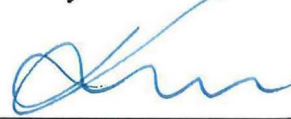


**Senator the Hon Murray Watt**  
 Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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



**The Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC**  
 Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business

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