

National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program

PROJECT AGREEMENT ON PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2024 or upon completion or termination of the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program as determined by the National Management Group (NMG), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia Governments, the combatant jurisdictions for this eradication program.</p> <p>The National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program is being conducted under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) as agreed by the NMG in 2021.</p> <p>Khapra Beetles found in imported highchairs and domestic bagged malt was being responded to under the Khapra Beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>) National Response Plan 2020-2021 (The Response Plan) version 1.0, approved by the NMG 16 December 2020.</p> <p>The National Khapra Beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>) Response Plan V2.0 (Response Plan) and associated 2021-22 to 2022-23 budget was approved by the NMG in accordance with the EPPRD on 14 May 2021 and revised on 1 April 2022.</p> <p>The NMG agreed to set an upper limit on expenditure of \$27 million for eligible Shared Costs incurred in implementing the Response Plan and agreed that the upper limit on expenditure applies to all versions of the Response Plan, including expenditure detailed under version 1.0 between December 16 2020 and May 13 2021.</p>

On 1 April 2022, The NMG agreed that response costs for Khapra beetles found in mixed retail items can be accommodated within the Response Plan indicative budget.

If required, this schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the EPPRD.

The project elements for the Khapra Beetle Eradication Program are described in the Response Plan. Combatant jurisdictions are responsible for delivery of the following four stages in accordance with the Response Plan:

- Delimit extent of the incident and identify risk premises: Tracing infested goods and conveyances to receiving properties and undertaking surveillance.
- Control Action: Removal of infested material and containment. Treating infested containers, goods, and commercial and residential premises to kill the pest.
- Evaluation Monitoring: Monitoring infested sites to verify treatment efficacy.
- Proof of Freedom Surveillance: Undertaking surveillance, including sweeping, visual assessments, and trapping, to verify ongoing absence of khapra beetles.

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$15.81m in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1			
(\$ million)		FY2022/23	Total
Estimated Total budget		15.81	15.81
<i>Less estimated National Partnership payments</i>			
-	NSW	4.92	4.92
-	VIC	3.97	3.97
-	QLD	2.60	2.60
-	SA	0.41	0.41
-	WA	3.91	3.91

Additional terms

The Commonwealth’s agreed financial contribution for the National Khapra Beetle Eradication Program are outlined in Table 1, and are payable in accordance with the milestones set out below. All payments are exclusive of GST.

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

10.4.2 of the EPPRD. The Commonwealth’s agreed financial underwriting is outlined in Table 3. 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).funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the National Management Group on 1 April 2022.

Breakdown of estimated contributions between industry and government		2022-23
	Commonwealth	\$10,626,337.42
	Almond Board of Australia	\$217,839.92
	Australian Walnut Industry Association	\$18,163.99
	Cotton Australia	\$21,252.67
	Grain Producers Australia	\$4,854,948.36
	Pistachio Growers Association	\$10,379.37
	Ricegrowers’ Association of Australia	\$72,655.56

Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress Report for 3 rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$1,434,469.89 (PAID)
Final Report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	May 2023	Up to \$3,489,491.07 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 Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

11/12/2023

Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Tara Moriarty MP
Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW

5/2/2024

Table 2B: Victoria – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress Report for 3 rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$838,492.72 (PAID)
Final Report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	May 2023	Up to \$3,135,473.93 subject to the additional terms.

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

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

11/12/2023

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



The Honourable Ros Spence MP
Minister for Agriculture Victoria

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Table 2C: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress Report for 3 rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$595,493.66 (PAID)
Final Report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	May 2023	Up to \$2,003,864.59 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 Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

11/12/2023

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by



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

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Table 2D: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress Report for 3 rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	\$1,142,139.20 (PAID)
Final Report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	May 2023	Up to \$2,769,727.60 subject to the additional terms.

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

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of Australia by*



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

11/12/2023

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



The Honourable Jackie Jarvis MP
Minister for Agriculture and Food, Forestry, and
Small Business

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Table 2E: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Progress Report 2021-22	Progress Report for 3 rd quarter (Jan-Mar 2022) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements of the Response Plan.	July 2022	Up to \$0.00 subject to the additional terms.
Final Report	Final report endorsed by the CCEPP demonstrating satisfactory completion of the Response Plan for the eradication program.	May 2023	Up to \$412,424.54 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 Honourable Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

11/12/2023

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



The Honourable Clare Scriven MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries

16/4/2024