

# Lepisiota incisa Western Australia Eradication Program

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS  
AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Parties	Commonwealth Western Australia
Duration	<p>This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 December 2025.</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 Management Group (NMG) determines that the <i>Lepisiota Western Australia Response Plan (the Response Plan)</i> 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	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the Response Plan which commenced in December 2020 to eradicate the exotic invasive ant species <i>Lepisiota incisa</i> from Western Australia.</p> <p>The activities under this schedule, continues to build on work previous undertaken for the National Lepisiota Incisa Western Australia Eradication Program between 2020-21 and 2022-23 (Response Plan v2.2), with further intensive strategy for 2023-24 to 2025-26 (Response Plan v3).</p> <p>This schedule also allows for the payment of 2022-23 contributions for activities completed under the previous version of the Response Plan. Accordingly, this Schedule varies and replaces <i>Schedule AM - Lepisiota incisa Eradication Program</i>, which was executed in April 2021.</p>
Project Elements	<p>Western Australia will deliver the actions set out in Lepisiota incisa Western Australia Response Plan (the Response Plan), which was approved by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) on 9 November 2023.</p> <p>The project elements for the Eradication Program are:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A successful treatment identified through the previous version of the response plan is considered a sound model for responding to future infestations.</li> <li>• Surveillance methods include visual surveys and pitfall trapping, depending on specific circumstances. Visual surveillance is the primary method.</li> <li>• The Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development has published talking points, media releases, web-based advisor materials and other stakeholder engagement information on its website.</li> </ul>												
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The agreed maximum financial contribution from the Commonwealth for the Lepisiota incisa 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 Western Australia of \$1.647m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Table 1</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="438 892 1258 1102"> <thead> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2022-23</th> <th>2023-24</th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>2025-26</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Maximum Australian Government Contribution</td> <td>0.273</td> <td>0.615</td> <td>0.559</td> <td>0.200</td> <td>1.647</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/> <p>Note: this differs to financial year of payment. See clause 2.3 for information on payment arrangements</p>	(\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total	Maximum Australian Government Contribution	0.273	0.615	0.559	0.200	1.647
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Additional terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Program will be conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA) response. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>2. Each party will contribute funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the National Biosecurity Management Group on 9 November 2023. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Final contributions will be based on actual expenditure and determined by the custodian (DAFF) in accordance with the NEBRA and the Response Plan.</li> <li>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 clause 2.1.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>												

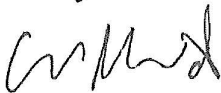
	<p>2.3. The Commonwealth Minister may, at their discretion, move all or part of an underspend against a milestone in a financial year to a milestone in another financial year. Such a circumstance may arise where the National Biosecurity Management Group has agreed that the Response Plan can be varied to include additional cost - shared activities, or extend duration, without increasing the overall maximum contribution under this schedule.</p> <p>3. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the Lepisiota incisa Western Australia Response Plan and decisions by the NBMG.</p>
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**Table 2: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Implement strategy to eradicate the exotic invasive ant species <i>Lepisiota Incisa</i> in Western Australia	<p><i>Milestone 1 – 2022-23</i> Annual progress report (2022-23) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.</p>	March 2024	Up to \$272,649 subject to the additional terms.
	<p><i>Milestone 2 – 2023-24</i> Annual progress report (2023-24) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.</p>	November 2024	Up to \$615,139 subject to the additional terms.
	<p><i>Milestone 3 – 2024-25</i> Annual progress report (2024-25) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.</p>	November 2025	Up to \$559,157 subject to the additional terms.
	<p><i>Milestone 4 – 2025-26</i> Annual progress report (2025-26) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.  or Final (Proof of Freedom) report endorsed by the Consultative Committee</p>	November 2026	Up to \$199,868 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

Date 24/4/24

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



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

Date 19.9.2024