

# Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

**Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule**

Parties	Commonwealth Queensland Western Australia Northern Territory																												
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026.																												
Purpose	This Schedule supports the continuation of the Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) that was established in 2023. The network will enable northern biosecurity stakeholders (including industry, First Nations people and governments) to build enhanced biosecurity management and preparedness capacity and capability. The Schedule provides funding for employment of several specialist positions including Biosecurity Technical Officers, Community Engagement Officers, Interns, Intern Coordinator positions and Early Career Veterinarians to enhance capacity to detect and respond to biosecurity threats including disease and pest incursions, such as Lumpy Skin Disease, within the northern regions of Queensland, Western Australia, and the Northern Territory.																												
Estimated financial contributions	<div>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$3.655 million (GST N/A) in respect of this Schedule.</div> <table><tr><th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>2.240</td><td>1.415</td><td>3.655</td></tr><tr><td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td><td>2.240</td><td>1.415</td><td>3.655</td></tr><tr><td>- Queensland</td><td>0.656</td><td>0.490</td><td>1.146</td></tr><tr><td>- Western Australia</td><td>0.632</td><td>0.540</td><td>1.172</td></tr><tr><td>- Northern Territory</td><td>0.952</td><td>0.385</td><td>1.337</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td></tr></table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	2.240	1.415	3.655	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2.240	1.415	3.655	- Queensland	0.656	0.490	1.146	- Western Australia	0.632	0.540	1.172	- Northern Territory	0.952	0.385	1.337	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	Nil
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**Table 2A: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing progress, benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment and biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> <li>• Appointment and industry engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>• Progression of NAPCaRN Training Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Self-awareness training</li> <li>○ Leadership training</li> <li>○ Negotiation training</li> <li>○ Governance training</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30/11/2024	\$0.328m
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> <li>• Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>• Delivery of NAPCaRN Training Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Self-awareness training</li> <li>○ Leadership training</li> <li>○ Negotiation training</li> <li>○ Governance training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• At the end of 2024-25 financial year, Self-Awareness, Leadership, Negotiation and Governance training will be evaluated to determine whether to continue to fund these programs (or alternative training programs) in 2025-26. Negotiation will be held between the Director NAPCaRN, Commonwealth and Queensland.</li> </ul>	9/05/2025	\$0.328m
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> </ul>	30/11/2025	\$0.245m



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>Delivery of NAPCaRN Training Initiatives.</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator position (Internships and Vocational Education and Training in schools).</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the two Interns (Cairns) including participation in biosecurity capacity building and training activities.</li> </ul>		
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) Final Report	<p>Submission of Final Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> <li>Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>Delivery of NAPCaRN Training Initiatives.</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator position (Internships and Vocational Education and Training in schools).</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the two Interns (Cairns) including participation in biosecurity capacity building and training activities.</li> </ul>	9/05/2026	\$0.245m

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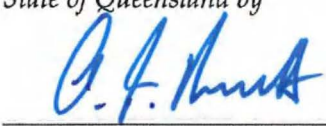
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The Honourable Julie Collins MP  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

  
The Honourable Anthony (Tony) Perrett MP  
Minister for Primary Industries

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**Table 2B: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCARN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing progress, benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>• Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer (Entomologist).</li> <li>• Appointment of and activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator position (Internships and Vocational Education and Training in schools).</li> <li>• Appointment of and activities undertaken by the four Interns (Broome /Kununurra) including participation in biosecurity capacity building and training activities.</li> </ul>	30/11/2024	\$0.316m
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCARN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing progress, benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>• Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer (Entomologist).</li> <li>• Activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator position (Internships and Vocational Education and Training in schools).</li> <li>• Activities undertaken by the two Interns (Broome /Kununurra) including participation in biosecurity capacity building and training activities.</li> </ul>	9/05/2025	\$0.316m
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCARN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing progress, benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>• Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer (Entomologist).</li> <li>• Activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator position (Internships and Vocational Education and Training in schools).</li> </ul>	30/11/2025	\$0.270m

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities undertaken by the two Interns (Broome /Kununurra) including participation in biosecurity capacity building and training activities.</li> </ul>		
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) Final Report	<p>Submission of Final Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer (Entomologist).</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator position (Internships and Vocational Education and Training in schools).</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the two Interns (Broome /Kununurra) including participation in biosecurity capacity building and training activities.</li> </ul>	9/05/2026	\$0.270m

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

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**Table 2C: Northern Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCARN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing progress, benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer (Plant Pathologist).</li> <li>Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Intern position (Entomology).</li> <li>Appointment of and activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator and Vocational Education and Training (VET) position.</li> <li>Appointment of and activities undertaken by the four Intern positions (2 x Cairns and 2 x Darwin).</li> <li>Appointment of and biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> <li>Delivery of a VET program for 10 First Nations students (5 x Cairns and 5 x Darwin).</li> <li>Delivery of a Remote Schools Engagement Program to enable scientists and other professionals to visit and engage with students.</li> </ul>	30/11/2024	\$0.476m
Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCARN) Progress Report	<p>Submission of Progress Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer.</li> <li>Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Intern position (Entomology).</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the Intern Coordinator and Vocational Education and Training (VET) position.</li> <li>Activities undertaken by the four Intern positions (2 x Cairns and 2 x Darwin).</li> <li>Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> </ul>	9/05/2025	\$0.476m

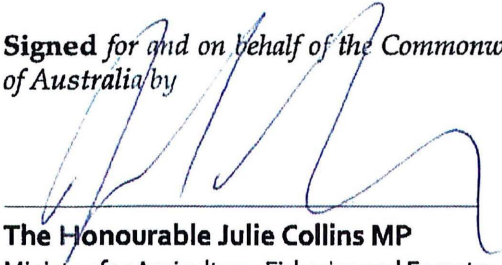
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of a VET (Vocational Education and Training) program for 10 First Nations students (5 x Cairns and 5 x Darwin).</li> <li>• Delivery of a Remote Schools Engagement Program to enable scientists and other professionals to visit and engage with students.</li> <li>• Scoping and engagement with Music NT for Music Competition in 2025. The Music Competition will assist NAPCaRN to access to a different group of stakeholders and potentially generate interest in biosecurity.</li> <li>• Provision of funding to the NT Crawford Fund to provide opportunities for students and early career researchers to attend conferences.</li> </ul>		
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Northern Australia People Capacity and Response Network (NAPCaRN) Final Report	<p>Submission of Final Report to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth detailing progress, benefits, outcomes, and achievements under the NAPCaRN including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Community Engagement Officer.</li> <li>• Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken, and outcomes achieved by the Biosecurity Technical Officer.</li> <li>• Activities undertaken by the two Intern positions (2 x Darwin).</li> <li>• Biosecurity surveillance, detection and response activities undertaken by the Early Career Veterinarian/s.</li> </ul>	9/05/2026	\$0.192m



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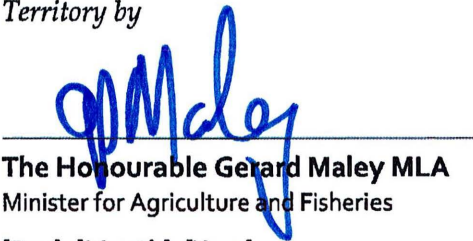


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