

Red Imported Fire Ant Fremantle Port Response Program

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Western Australia (WA)
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2027. For the purposes of Clause 10 of the <i>Project Agreement for Pest and Disease Preparedness and Response Programs</i>, this Schedule also expires on completion or termination of the 'Response Plan for <i>Solenopsis invicta</i>, Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA), Western Australia (WA)' (the Response Plan), as determined by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG). However, in those circumstances this Schedule still allows for the processing of any payments for milestones met up to termination.
Purpose	This Schedule supports the delivered Response Plan, successfully eradicating RIFA at the Fremantle Port, WA and to facilitate the final financial contributions determined through the financial audit. This Schedule (AH2) replaces Schedule (AH) – National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program which expired on 30 June 2022.
Project Elements	The Response Plan to the RIFA Fremantle Port delivered actions as detailed in version 2.0 of the Response Plan. The Response Plan 2021-22 was approved by the NBMG on 02 December 2020, and eradication was achieved in 2023. The project elements of the Response Plan are: (a) Treatment: Treatment includes the use of fipronil spray and insect growth regulators. The Response Plan includes six rounds of treatment within the 500-metre treatment area for two identified Infested Premises (IP), and any additional IPs identified through surveillance. (b) Surveillance: Surveillance will be conducted over three zones; 0–2, 2–4 and 4–6 kilometres from the two IPs. Specific and general surveillance activities will be conducted. This will include targeted surveillance with trained surveillance officers, baited lures, RIFA odour detector dogs and ant sampling for diagnostic determination. All priority premises in the 0–2-kilometre Quarantine Area (QA) will be identified, mapped and subject to specific surveillance activities. Six rounds of random surveillance of residential properties within the QA will be conducted over the course of the Response Plan. Six rounds of post treatment validation surveillance will occur within the 0–2-kilometre QA. (c) Community engagement: The community engagement plan provides information to the local community of current and future activities.

	(d) Science: Technical support such as diagnostic services and genetic analysis as necessary. No additional research is proposed. (e) Containment: Manage the Quarantine Area Notice (QAN) and associated movement conditions applied to the RIFA risk material from the QA.												
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the WA of up to \$0.124 million in respect of this Schedule. The agreed maximum financial contribution for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program WA is outlined in Table 1A and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 2. <table><tr><th>Table 1A (\$ million)</th><th>2021-22</th><th>2023-24</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Australian Government</td><td>0.118</td><td>0.006</td><td>0.124</td></tr><tr><td>Maximum Australian Government contribution to WA</td><td></td><td></td><td>0.124</td></tr></table> Note: Table 1A reflects financial year in which response activities are conducted and differs to financial year of payment which is shown in Table 2 below. All payments are exclusive of GST. Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand and are outlined in full in Table 2.	Table 1A (\$ million)	2021-22	2023-24	Total	Australian Government	0.118	0.006	0.124	Maximum Australian Government contribution to WA			0.124
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Additional terms	1. The Program will be conducted as a response in accordance with the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA). 1.1. Reporting obligations are set out in Table 2, however, circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought. WA will provide such additional reporting at the request of the Commonwealth as is reasonable. 2. Each party will contribute funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the NBMG on 02 December 2020. 2.1. Final contributions, of 'Up to' the Commonwealth's maximum, will be based on actual expenditure and determined by the NEBRA custodian, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in accordance with the NEBRA and the Response Plan. 2.2. The Commonwealth's maximum potential payments are set out in Table 2 milestones and may, where applicable, be adjusted to match the Commonwealth's maximum share of actual expenditure as determined under additional term 2.1. 2.3. An Upper Limit on Expenditure was endorsed by NBMG as set out in Clause 9.1 of the NEBRA. The NBMG will monitor and maintain oversight of expenditure ensuring actual expenditure remains within the agreed conditions of the Response Plan. Expenditure by Parties above the set Upper Limits may not be approved for cost-sharing by the NBMG. 2.4. 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 circumstances may arise where the NBMG has agreed that the Response Plan can be varied to												

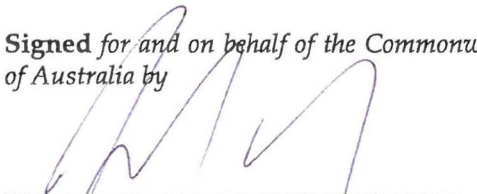
	include additional Cost Shared activities, or extend duration, without increasing the overall maximum contribution under this Schedule. 3. This Schedule will be reassessed in conjunction with reviews of the status of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Response Plan WA and decisions by the NBMG.
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Table 2: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Eradication of RIFA from the Fremantle Port, WA.	Milestone 1 Commonwealth acceptance of the Annual Progress Report (2021-22) endorsed by the National Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee (NBMCC) as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project element of the Response Plan; and Commonwealth acceptance of the Proof of Freedom Report and Financial Audit Report endorsed by the NBMCC.	May 2026	Up to \$123,709.00 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



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

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



The Honourable Jackie Jarvis MLC
Minister for Agriculture and Food

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