

Lepisiota incisa Western Australia Eradication Program

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS
AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Western Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 December 2025. 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.
Purpose	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. 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). 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.
Project Elements	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. The project elements for the Eradication Program are:

	• A successful treatment identified through the previous version of the response plan is considered a sound model for responding to future infestations. • Surveillance methods include visual surveys and pitfall trapping, depending on specific circumstances. Visual surveillance is the primary method. • 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.																		
Estimated financial contributions	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. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Western Australia of \$1.647m in respect of this Schedule. <table><tr><td colspan="6">Table 1</td></tr><tr><td>(\$ million)</td><td>2022-23</td><td>2023-24</td><td>2024-25</td><td>2025-26</td><td>Total</td></tr><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></table> Note: this differs to financial year of payment. See clause 2.3 for information on payment arrangements	Table 1						(\$ 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	1. The Program will be conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement (NEBRA) response. 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. 2. Each party will contribute funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the National Biosecurity Management Group on 9 November 2023. 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. 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.																		

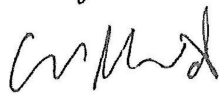
	2.3. The Commonwealth Minister may, at their discretion, move all or part of an underspend against a milestone in a financial year to a milestone in another financial year. Such a circumstance may arise where the National Biosecurity Management Group has agreed that the Response Plan can be varied to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

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>Lepislota Inclsa</i> in Western Australia	Milestone 1 – 2022-23 Annual progress report (2022-23) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.	March 2024	Up to \$272,649 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 2 – 2023-24 Annual progress report (2023-24) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.	November 2024	Up to \$615,139 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 3 – 2024-25 Annual progress report (2024-25) endorsed by the Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above progress elements of the Response Plan.	November 2025	Up to \$559,157 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 4 – 2025-26 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	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