

National Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer 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 30 June 2026. 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 Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer Eradication Program (the Response Plan) 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 a three-year Response Plan to eradicate polyphagous shot hole borer (PSHB) (<i>Euwallacea fornicates</i> / <i>Fusarium</i> sp.) complex from Australia through a response within a Quarantine Area (QA) in the Perth metropolitan region.
Project Elements	Western Australia will deliver the actions set out in the Response Plan, and as approved by the NMG on 21 October 2022. The project elements for the Eradication Program are: (a) Treatment: Treatment options include the removal and destruction of infected and non-infected host materials, deployment of baited traps and application of chemicals in cases of early detection. (b) Surveillance: The surveillance strategy is based on attractant trapping, public reporting, visual surveillance, and inspection of sentinel trees. (c) Community engagement: Community engagement focusing on raising awareness and encouraging participation to report plants and sentinel trees that are potentially infested through use of

	various media platforms, stakeholder meetings, liaising with local government and industry websites. (d) Science: The diagnostic and scientific support will assist in determining the host range of PSHB / <i>Fusarium</i> sp., testing to provide assurance that only <i>Fusarium</i> sp. is associated with <i>E. fornicates</i> in Australia. (e) Containment: The response strategy includes containment through quarantine and movement controls. (f) Policy and planning: The Western Australian (WA) response will operate under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD). Surveillance activities will be undertaken in accordance with the <i>Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</i> and comply with current DPIRD policies, standards, guidelines, and financial systems. (g) Support services: The response will work closely with government, industry, and community. Where trees have been destroyed site rehabilitation will maintain social license (and public willingness to report).										
Estimated financial contributions	The agreed maximum financial contribution for the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer 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 \$19.995m in respect of this Schedule. <table><tr><th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th><th>2022-23</th><th>2023-24</th><th>2024-25</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Maximum Australian Government Contribution</td><td>9.634</td><td>7.145</td><td>3.217</td><td>19.995</td></tr></table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total	Maximum Australian Government Contribution	9.634	7.145	3.217	19.995
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Additional terms	1. The Program will be conducted as a EPPRD 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 EPPRD arrangements. 2. Each party will contribute funding in accordance with the financial commitments approved by the National Management Group on 21 October 2022. 2.1. Final contributions will be based on actual expenditure and determined by the custodian Plant Health Australia (PHA) in accordance with the EPPRD 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 term 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 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 National Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer Response Plan and decisions by the NMG.
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Table 2: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
The eradication of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (<i>Euwallacea fornicatus</i>) through the removal of infested reproductive hosts and management of non-reproductive hosts, while monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness in reducing the population of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (<i>Euwallacea fornicatus</i>)	Milestone 1 – 2022-23 Annual progress report (2022-23) endorsed by Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	November 2023	Up to \$9,633,923 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 2 – 2023-24 Annual progress report (2023-24) endorsed by Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan.	September 2024	Up to \$7,144,538 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 3 – 2024-25 Annual progress report (2024-25) endorsed by Consultative Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan. Or Final (Proof of Freedom) report endorsed by Consultative Committee	September 2025	Up to \$3,216,549 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

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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; Forestry; Small Business

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