

Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer 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 2028. For the purposes of Clause 10 of the <i>Project Agreement for Pest and Disease Preparedness and Response Programs</i>, this Schedule also expires if the National Management Group (NMG) determines that the <i>Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB) Response Plan version 3.0 - Transition to Management (T2M)</i> (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 activities under the Response Plan. On 18 June 2025, the NMG agreed PSHB was no longer technically feasible to eradicate (TFE). The activities under this Schedule (AQ2) will support T2M activities, and activities previously undertaken during versions 1.0 and 2.0 of the <i>PSHB Response Plan</i>. This Schedule (AQ2) replaces Schedule (AQ) – National Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer Eradication Program 2022-23 to 2024-25 signed September 2024, due to expire on 30 June 2026.
Project Elements	WA will deliver the actions as detailed in the Response Plan, approved by the NMG on 10 November 2025. The project elements of the Response Plan are: (a) Treatment: Transition to the 'Slow the Spread' program will incorporate strategic tree treatment, including removal in high-risk locations. (b) Surveillance: Surveillance of locations outside known infested areas determining extent of infestation including high-risk areas, waterways and amplifier hosts in hard boundary areas, buffer zones; and high-value assets. In some high-risk locations traps may also be retained. (c) Community engagement: Community engagement will focus on delivering clear consistent and accessible information, ensuring stakeholders are well informed, prepared and supported. (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. fornicatus</i> in Australia. (e) Containment: Reduce human-assisted movement of PSHB and continue strategic compliance and awareness activities slowing the spread and increasing visibility.

	(f) Policy and planning: The 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 WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) policies, standards, guidelines, and financial systems. (g) Support services: The Response Plan incorporates support mechanisms to ensure all affected stakeholders, including community members, land managers, local government and industry have access to guidance, emotional and practical support and a clear pathway to information and training resources.																		
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to WA of \$21.604 million in respect of this Schedule. The agreed maximum financial contribution for the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer Response Program 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>2023-24</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>2026-27</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Australian Government</td><td>0.967</td><td>8.967</td><td>7.823</td><td>3.847</td><td>21.604</td></tr><tr><td>Maximum Australian Government contribution to WA</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>21.604</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)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total	Australian Government	0.967	8.967	7.823	3.847	21.604	Maximum Australian Government contribution to WA					21.604
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Additional terms	1. The program is conducted as a response under the EPPRD as agreed by the NMG on 10 November 2025. 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 agreed by the NMG on 10 November 2025. 2.1. Final contributions, of 'Up to' the Commonwealth's maximum, will be based on actual expenditure and determined by the deed 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 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 agreed by NMG as set out in Part 2, Schedule 10 of the EPPRD. The NMG will monitor and maintain oversight of expenditure ensuring actual expenditure remains within the agreed conditions of the Response Plan.																		

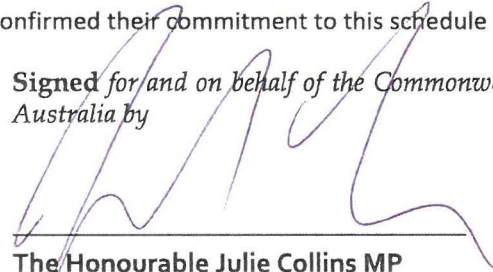
	Expenditure by Parties above the set Upper Limit on Expenditure may not be agreed for cost-sharing by the NMG. 2.4. The Commonwealth Minister may, at their discretion, move all or part of an underspend against a milestone in a financial year to a milestone in another financial year. Such a circumstance may arise where the NMG 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 Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer Response Program and decisions made by the NMG.
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Table 2: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
The T2M supports an orderly shift from eradication activities of PSHB (<i>Euwallacea fornicatus</i>) to long-term management. Slowing the spread while creating capacity building and preparing industries and stakeholders for long term sustainability.	Milestone 1 Commonwealth acceptance of the cost claims for quarter 3 (January to March 2024) of the 2023-24 financial year endorsed by PHA relating to the Annual Report 2023-24) endorsed by the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP).	May 2026	Up to \$967,144.50 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 2 Commonwealth acceptance of the cost claims for quarters 1, 2 and 4 (July to December 2024 and April to June 2025) of the 2024-25 financial year endorsed by PHA relating to the Annual Report (2024-25) endorsed by the CCEPP.	May 2026	Up to \$8,966,581.46 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance of Annual Report (2025-26) endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the T2M of the Response Plan.	August 2026	Up to \$7,822,768.47 subject to the additional terms.
	Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance of the Final Closure Report endorsed by the CCEPP as demonstrating satisfactory completion of the T2M of the Response Plan.	March 2027	Up to \$3,847,062.08 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

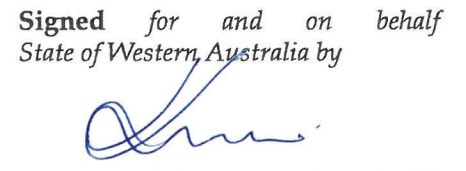


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