

Tomato brown rugose fruit virus Response Program - Victoria

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR PEST AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Victoria (Vic)
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 on completion or termination of the 'Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) Eradication Response Plan' (the Response Plan), as determined by the National Management Group (NMG). 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 to contain and eradicate tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) from infected premises (IP) in Vic, facilitating a return to production minimising impacts on industry, environment, and community.
Project Elements	The Vic response to ToBRFV will deliver actions as detailed in the Response Plan, as agreed by the NMG on 29 May 2025. The project elements for the Response Plan are: (a) Treatment: Infected plants destroyed through incineration or deep burial. Decontamination measures applied including, use of chemicals, mandatory fallow period and testing after fallow period verifying absence of ToBRFV. (b) Surveillance: Surveillance activities will be performed at all risk premises including sampling crops and weedy hosts at IPs, trace properties and properties adjoining IPs. (c) Community engagement: Communication strategies will cover a broad range of stakeholders including impacted growers, industry members and the general public; delivered through various platforms including social media. (d) Science: A Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) has been established to address hygiene, disposal, and eradication; and sampling of host crops to confirm proof of freedom. Eradication protocols include the development and validation of swab testing as used successfully internationally. (e) Containment: To prevent further spread of ToBRFV through risk-based Quarantine Activities (QA) including the implementation of zoning,

	quarantine and movement controls, destruction, disposal, and decontamination of material. (f) Policy and planning: The Vic eradication program will operate under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD). The program activities will be conducted in accordance with the <i>Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 (Vic)</i>, PLANTPLAN and AUSVETPLAN response strategies. (g) Support services: Vic government has established a taskforce chaired by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) to help impacted workers in response to the quarantine measures. An assistance hub has been established and includes providers such as Services Australia and the Rural Financial Counsellors.																					
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated financial contribution to Vic of up to \$0.850 million in respect of this Schedule. The agreed maximum financial contribution for the ToBRFV 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>2024-25</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Australian Government</td><td>0.735</td><td>0.735</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">Affected Industry Parties</td></tr><tr><td>AUSVEG Ltd.</td><td>0.060</td><td>0.060</td></tr><tr><td>Greenlife Industry Australia Ltd.</td><td>0.052</td><td>0.052</td></tr><tr><td>Australian Processing Tomato Research Council Inc.</td><td>0.003</td><td>0.003</td></tr><tr><td>Maximum Australian Government contribution to Vic</td><td></td><td>0.850</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)	2024-25	Total	Australian Government	0.735	0.735	Affected Industry Parties			AUSVEG Ltd.	0.060	0.060	Greenlife Industry Australia Ltd.	0.052	0.052	Australian Processing Tomato Research Council Inc.	0.003	0.003	Maximum Australian Government contribution to Vic		0.850
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Additional terms	1. The program will be conducted in accordance with the EPPRD. 1.1. Reporting obligations are set out in Table 2, however, circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought. Vic 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 NMG on 22 September 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 milestone however, where applicable, will be adjusted																					

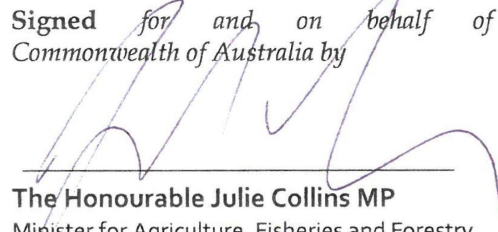
	to match the Commonwealth's share of actual expenditure as determined under additional term 2.1. 2.3. Where the Affected Industry Party cannot meet its cost-sharing obligations either directly, or from funds held on its behalf, the Commonwealth will initially meet that Affected Industry Parties cost-sharing obligations as set out in clause 10.4.2 of the EPPRD. 2.4. Each Affected Industry Party will subsequently meet its cost-sharing obligations to the Commonwealth, arising as a consequence of the Commonwealth meeting Affected Industry Party obligations pursuant to clause 10.4.2, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the EPPRD (clause 10.4.3). 2.5. 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 Limits may not be approved for cost-sharing by the NMG. 2.6. 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 Response Plan and decisions by the NMG.
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Table 2 Victoria – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
To delimit, contain and eradicate ToBRFV in Australia while minimising impacts on industry, environment, and the community.	<i>Milestone 1</i> Commonwealth acceptance of the Final Report spanning the entire response period endorsed by the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) as agreed by the NMG and Lead Agencies verified by PHA as eligible for cost-sharing.	May 2026	Up to \$850,000.00 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 Victoria by


The Honourable Michaela Settle MP
Minister for Agriculture

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