

National Electric Ant Eradication Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the National Electric Ant Eradication Program in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Queensland Government, the combatant state for this eradication program.
2. The National Electric Ant Eradication Program is being conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement-like (NEBRA-like) arrangement as agreed by the Natural Resource Ministerial Management Council in 2009.
3. The emergency response plan and budget is approved by the National Management Group in accordance with the NEBRA.
4. Financial commitments are approved by Standing Council on Primary Industries subject to jurisdictional budgetary considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the National Electric Ant Eradication Program in accordance with the provisions of the NEBRA.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Queensland.
7. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Queensland ministers with portfolio responsibility for agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and will expire on 30 June 2014 or on completion or termination of the National Electric Ant Eradication Program as determined by the National Management Group, including acceptance of the final Project Report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

8. The project elements for the National Electric Ant Eradication Program are:
 - (a) *Treatment*: primarily focussed on completing the treatment program in all infested areas; identified high risk areas and high risk material prior to leaving the movement control areas.
 - (b) *Surveillance*: focussed on post treatment surveillance to ensure absence of the pest; targeted surveillance around high risk areas; the engagement of the general public in ongoing general surveillance and canine surveillance.
 - (c) *Community engagement*: to increase the passive surveillance in all areas.

- (d) *Science*: focussed on supporting policy, operations and community engagement; research and development; surveillance tools and procedures and provision of epidemiological support.
- (e) *Containment*: focussed on maintaining preventative treatments, compliance inspections and treatments, and public liaisons.
- (f) *Policy and planning*: focussed on ongoing review of eradication strategies; preparations of progress reports; development of policies for completion of the program by 30 June 2015 and reporting program results to cost-share partners.
- (g) *Support services*: focussed on services required to support the National Electric Ant Eradication Program.

9. To qualify for the associated payment, Queensland must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2012-13 Annual Report which outlines progress made towards the above project elements.	April 2014	\$580 752
Acceptance by the National Management Group of the 2013-14 Annual Report which outlines progress made towards the above project elements.	April 2015	\$600 062

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 10. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above and will be provided to the National Management Group as required.
- 11. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the NEBRA.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 12. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to the Queensland Government for the National Electric Ant Eradication Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are provided directly to Queensland and are exclusive of GST.

Table 2: Agreed financial contributions

Jurisdiction	%	2013-14 (\$)	2014-15 (\$)
Commonwealth	50.0	580 752	\$600 062
Queensland	11.6	134 735	\$139 214
New South Wales	19.2	223 009	\$230 424
Western Australia	4.6	53 429	\$55 206
Victoria	9.9	114 989	\$118 812
South Australia	2.5	29 038	\$30 003
Tasmania	0.6	6 969	\$7 201
Northern Territory	0.6	6 969	\$7 201
Australian Capital Territory	1.0	11 615	\$12 001
Total	100.0	1 161 505	\$1 200 124

PART 6: SIGN OFF

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Schedule as follows:

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of
Australia by*

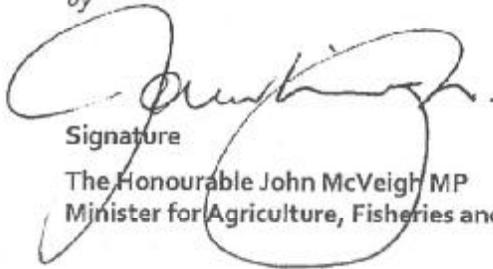


Signature

**The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture**

Date 18/3/14

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland
by*



Signature

**The Honourable John McVeigh MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Date 7/2/14