

# National Electric Ant Eradication Programme 2015-16

## PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the national electric ant eradication programme for 2015-16 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contribution to Queensland, the combatant state for this eradication programme.
2. The national electric ant eradication programme is being conducted as a National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement-like (NEBRA-like) response and was agreed by the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in 2009.
3. The emergency response plan *National Electric Ant Eradication Programme – Eradication of electric ant in Queensland Response Plan – v 3.1 – 2015* was approved by the National Biosecurity Management Group (NBMG) in accordance with the NEBRA on 28 April 2015.
4. The financial commitments are approved by the Agricultural Ministers Forum (AGMIN) subject to budget considerations. The 2015-16 budget was approved by the AGMIN on 2 September 2015.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the national electric ant eradication programme in accordance with the provisions of the NEBRA.
6. This Schedule continues Schedule B for the national electric ant eradication programme for 2014-15 signed on 7 February 2014.

## PART 2: FORMALITIES

7. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and Queensland.
8. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Queensland ministers with portfolio responsibility for national biosecurity emergency management. It will expire on 30 June 2016, or upon completion or termination of the national electric ant eradication programme as determined by the NBMG, including the endorsement 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

9. The project elements of the eradication programme are described in the *National Electric Ant Eradication Programme – Eradication of electric ant in Queensland Response Plan – v 3.1 – 2015*. Queensland is responsible for delivering the following elements in accordance with the Response Plan:

- (a) *Treatment*
  - i. Activities will focus on completing the treatment program in all movement control areas and identified high risk areas and treating high risk material prior to leaving movement control areas.
- (b) *Surveillance*
  - i. Post treatment surveillance to support the removal of movement controls in areas that are no longer infested, footpath surveillance in high risk suburbs, targeted suburb surveillance, targeted surveillance of high risk areas and compliance inspections of high risk materials prior to removal from movement control areas.
- (c) *Community engagement*
  - i. Activities to achieve greater levels of awareness within the community, maintaining community and industry liaisons and maintaining agency partnerships with all tiers of government and stakeholder groups.
- (d) *Science*
  - i. Science-based activities to support policy, operations and community engagement; research and development; provision of epidemiological support and the development of a national and international network of tramp ant experts.
- (e) *Policy and planning*
  - i. Ongoing review of eradication strategies, preparation of progress reports and reporting program results to cost-share partners.
- (f) *Support service*
  - i. Services required to support the National Electric Ant Eradication Program.

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

**Table 1: Milestones**

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Annual progress report (2014-15) demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the above project elements as per the endorsed Response Plan	May 2016	\$566,222

## PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 11. Queensland will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1.
- 12. Reporting may also be required under the NEBRA arrangements.

## PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. The Commonwealth's agreed financial contribution for the national electric ant eradication programme is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.

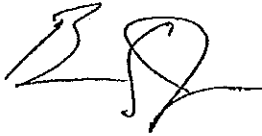
Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

	2015-16
Commonwealth	\$566,222

**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*



Date 8-5-16

Signature

The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP  
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

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



Date 8/6/16

Signature

The Honourable Leanne Donaldson MP  
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries